

# BINARY BLACK HOLE MERGER: THE THEORY

## INTERFACING NUMERICAL AND ANALYTICAL RELATIVITY

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The IHES effective-one-body (EOB) code: [eob.ihes.fr](http://eob.ihes.fr)

T. Damour, AN, S. Bernuzzi, D. Bini...

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# GW150914

GW150914 parameters:

$$m_1 = 35.7 M_\odot$$

$$m_2 = 29.1 M_\odot$$

$$M_f = 61.8 M_\odot$$

$$a_1 \equiv S_1/(m_1^2) = 0.31^{+0.48}_{-0.28}$$

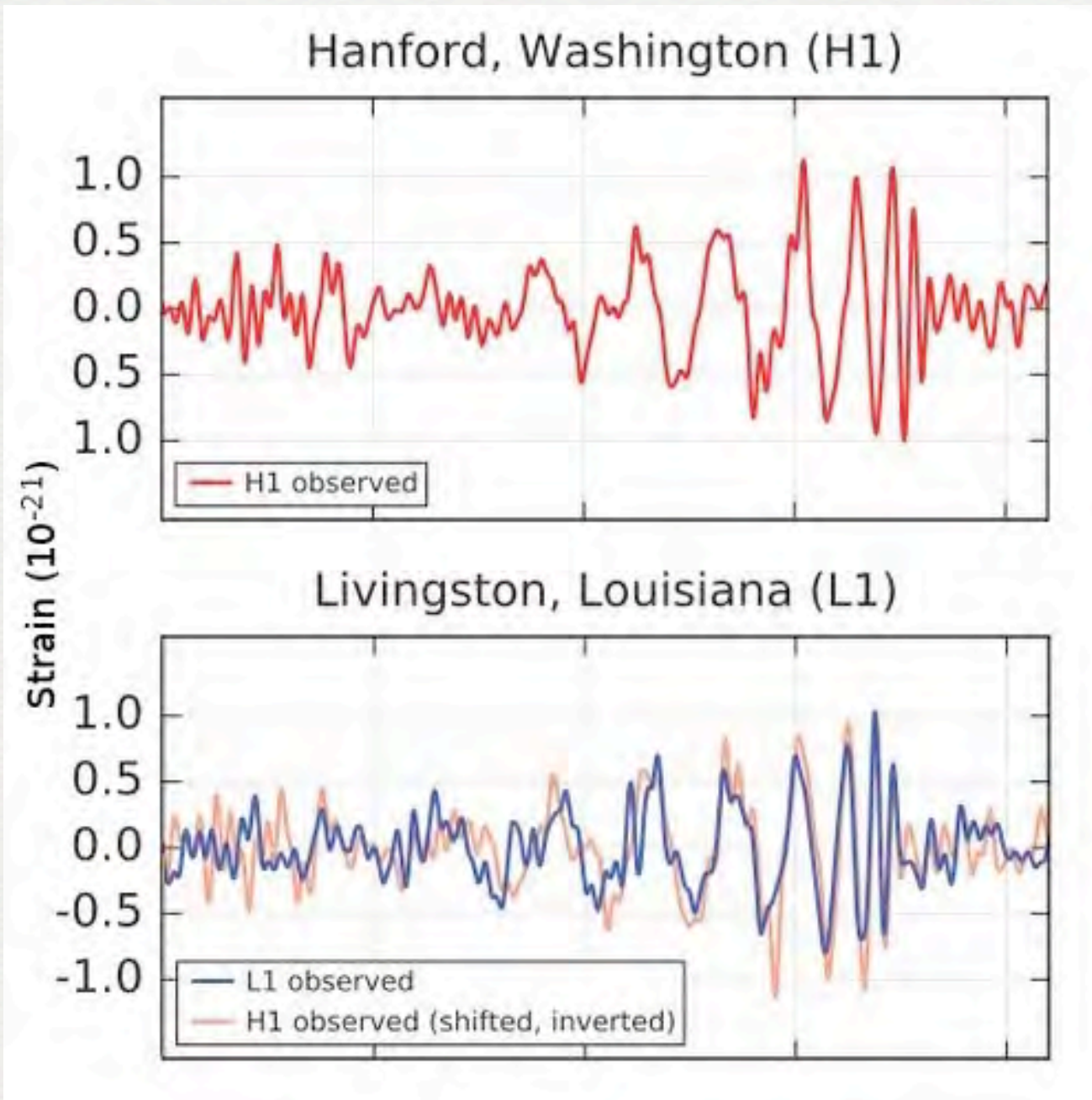
$$a_2 \equiv S_2/(m_2^2) = 0.46^{+0.48}_{-0.42}$$

$$a_f \equiv \frac{J_f}{M_f^2} = 0.67$$

$$q \equiv \frac{m_1}{m_2} = 1.27$$

Symmetric mass ratio

$$\nu \equiv \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} = 0.2466$$



$$\text{strain} = \frac{\delta L}{L}$$

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# HOW TO MEASURE: MATCHED FILTERING!

To extract/do parameter estimation of the GW signal from detector's output  
(lost in broadband noise  $S_n(f)$  )

$$\langle output | h_{\text{template}} \rangle = \int \frac{df}{S_n(f)} o(f) h_{\text{template}}^*(f)$$

Detector's output

Template of  
expected  
GW signal

Need waveform templates!



# THE THEORY...

Is needed to compute waveform templates for characterizing the source (GWs were detected...but WHAT was detected?)

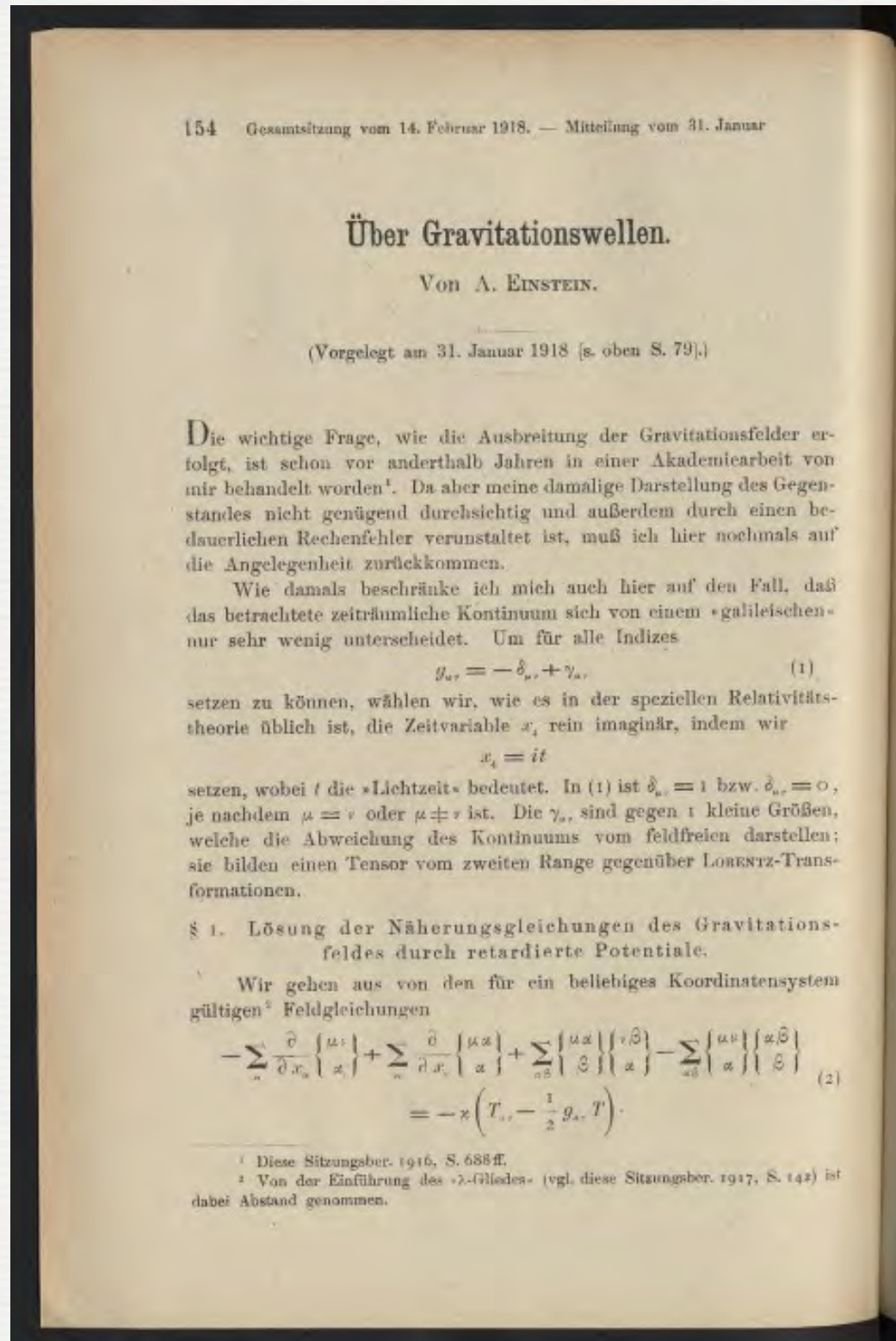
Theory is needed to study the 2-body problem in General Relativity (dynamics & gravitational wave emission)

Theory: **SINERGY** between  
Analytical and Numerical General Relativity  
(AR/NR)

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$



# UBER GRAVITATIONSWELLEN (EINSTEIN, 1918)



$$g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + h_{ij}$$

$h_{ij}$  is transverse and traceless and propagates at the speed of light



# BINARY SYSTEM: NEWTONIAN PRELIMINARIES

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# GWS FROM COMPACT BINARIES: BASICS

Newtonian binary systems in circular orbits: Kepler's law

$$GM = \Omega^2 R^3$$

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{GM}{c^2 R} = \left( \frac{GM\Omega}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$M = m_1 + m_2$$

Einstein (1918) quadrupole formula: GW luminosity (energy flux)

$$P_{\text{gw}} = \frac{dE_{\text{gw}}}{dt} = \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \nu^2 x^5$$

$$x = \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2$$

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{M} = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M^2}$$



# GWS FROM COMPACT BINARIES: BASICS

$$E^{\text{orbital}} = E^{\text{kinetic}} + E^{\text{potential}} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{R} = -\frac{1}{2} \mu x$$

Balance argument

$$\frac{dE^{\text{orbital}}}{dt} = P_{\text{GW}} = \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt}$$

$$\omega_{22}^{\text{GW}} = 2\pi f_{22}^{\text{GW}} = 2\Omega^{\text{orbital}}$$

$$f_{\text{GW}}^{22} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{5}{256\nu} \right)^{3/8} \left( \frac{1}{t - t_{\text{coalescence}}} \right)^{3/8}$$

MONOTONICALLY GROWING FREQUENCY: **CHIRP!**

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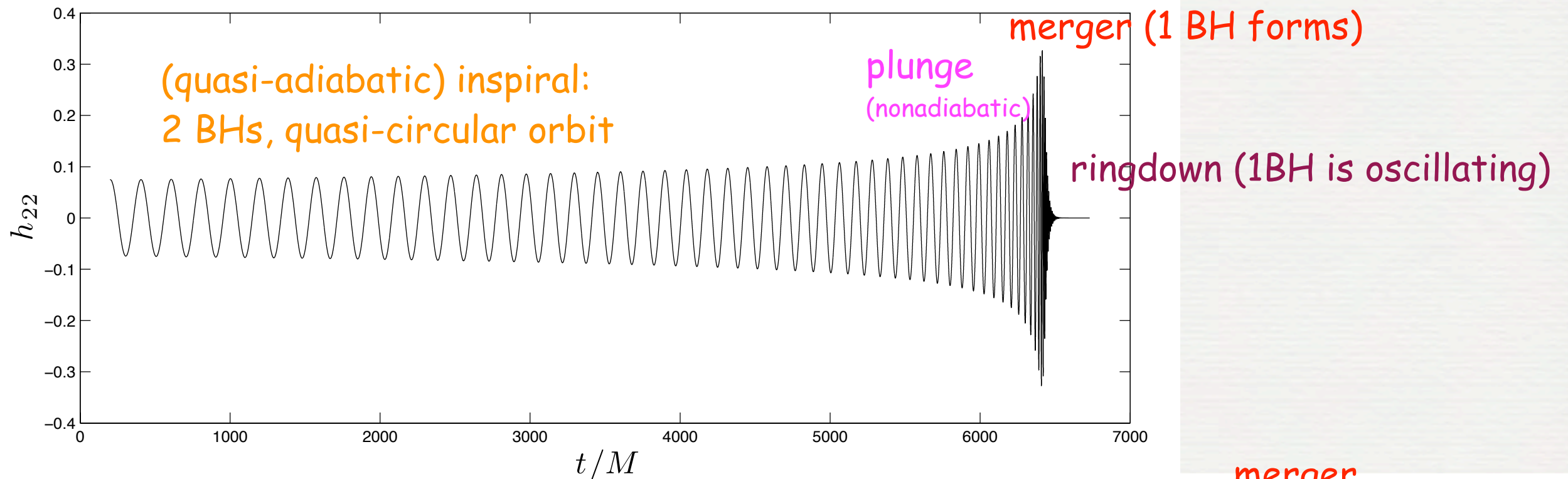




# BBHS: WAVEFORM OVERVIEW

$$h_+ - ih_\times = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\ell m} h_{\ell m} {}_{-2}Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

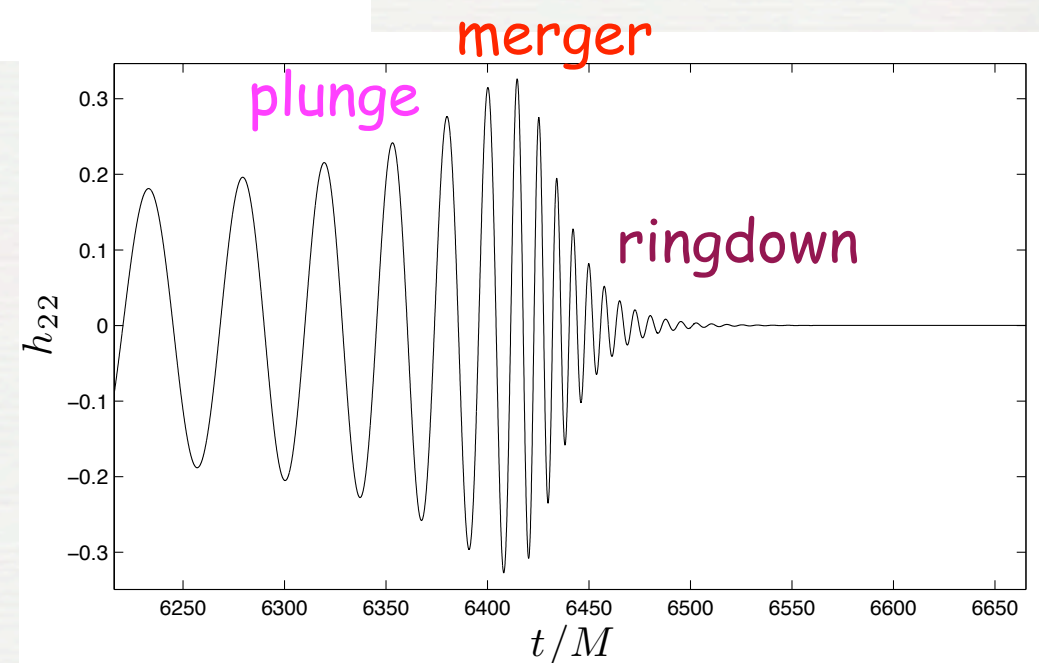
$$h(m_1, m_2, \vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2)$$



e.g: equal-mass BBH, aligned-spins

$$\chi_1 = \chi_2 = +0.98$$

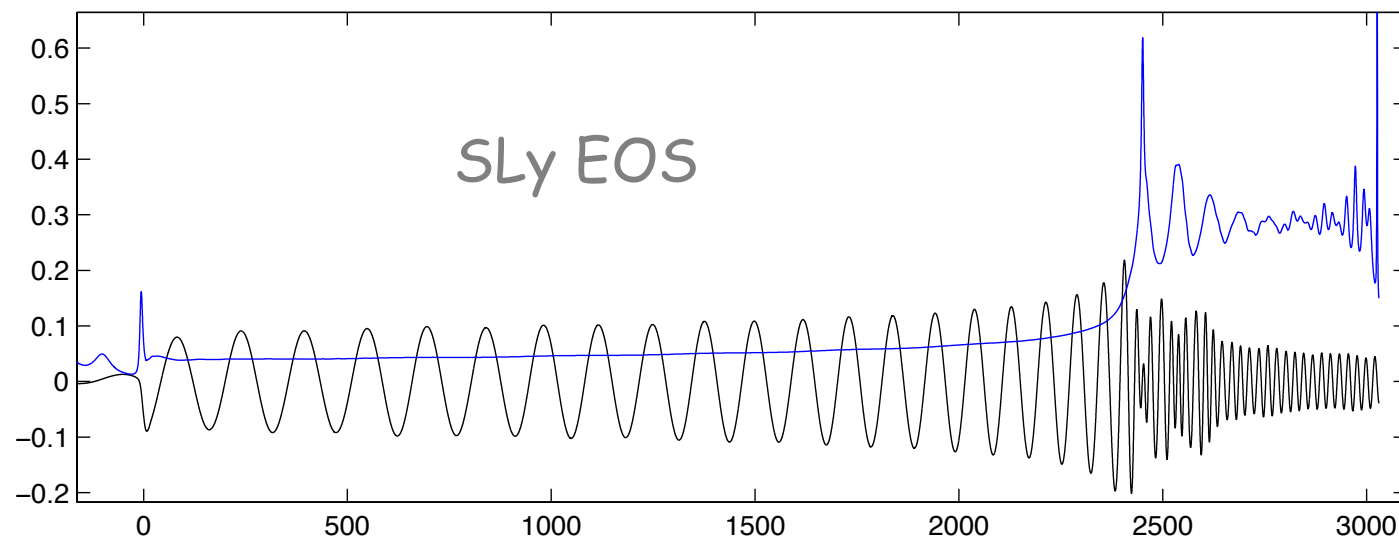
- SXS (Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes) collaboration
- [www.blackholes.org](http://www.blackholes.org)
- Free catalog of waveforms (downloadable)



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# BINARY NEUTRON STARS (BNS)?



All BNS need is Love!

$$q = 1 \quad M = 2.7M_{\odot}$$

- Tidal effects
- Love numbers (tidal "polarization" constants)
- EOS dependence & "universality"

See:

Damour&Nagar, PRD 2009

Damour&Nagar, PRD 2010

Damour,Nagar et al., PRL 2011

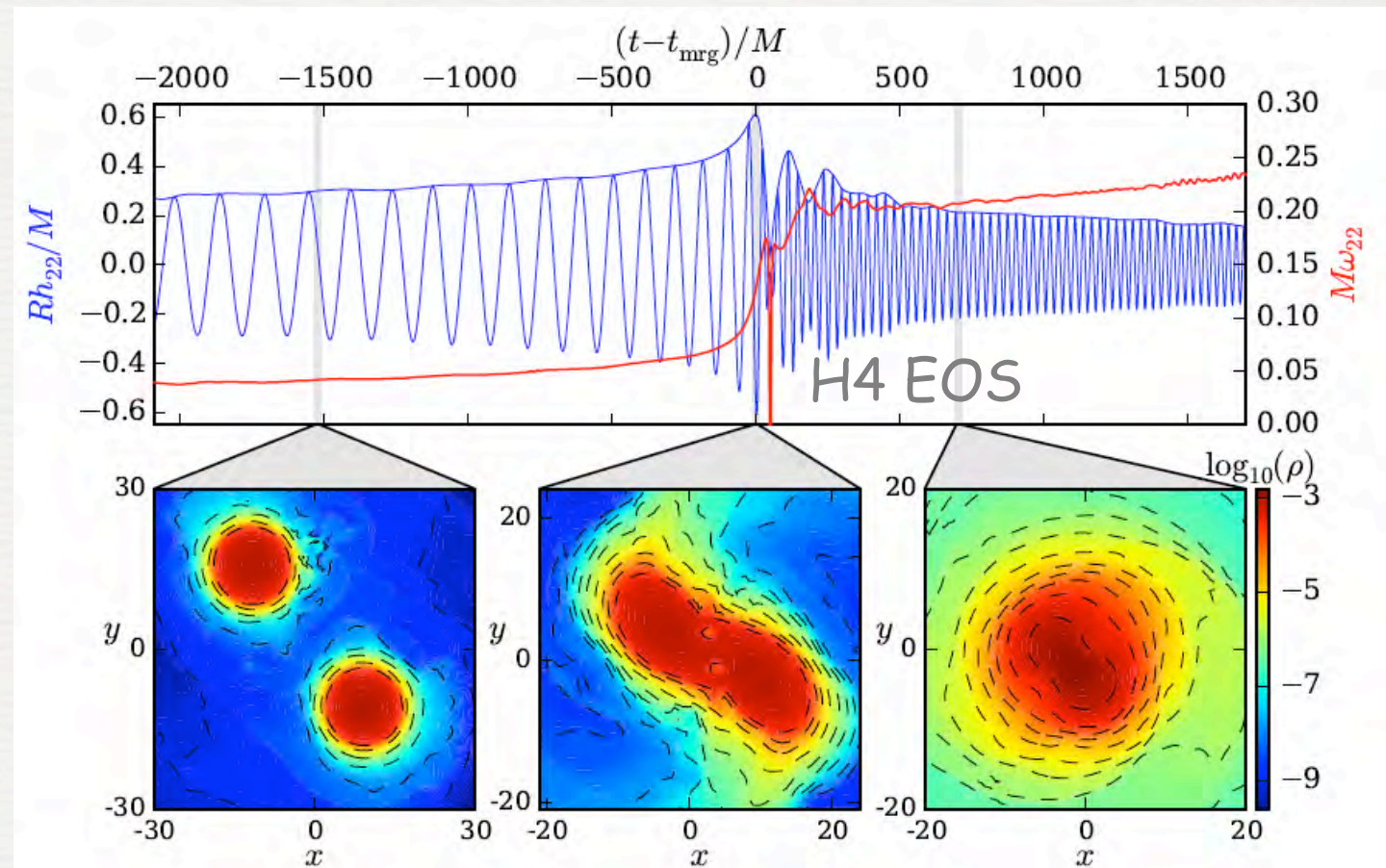
Bini,Damour&Faye, PRD2012

Bini&Damour, PRD 2014

Bernuzzi, Nagar, et al, PRL 2014

Bernuzzi, Nagar, Dietrich, PRL 2015

Bernuzzi, Nagar, Dietrich & Damour,PRL, 2015



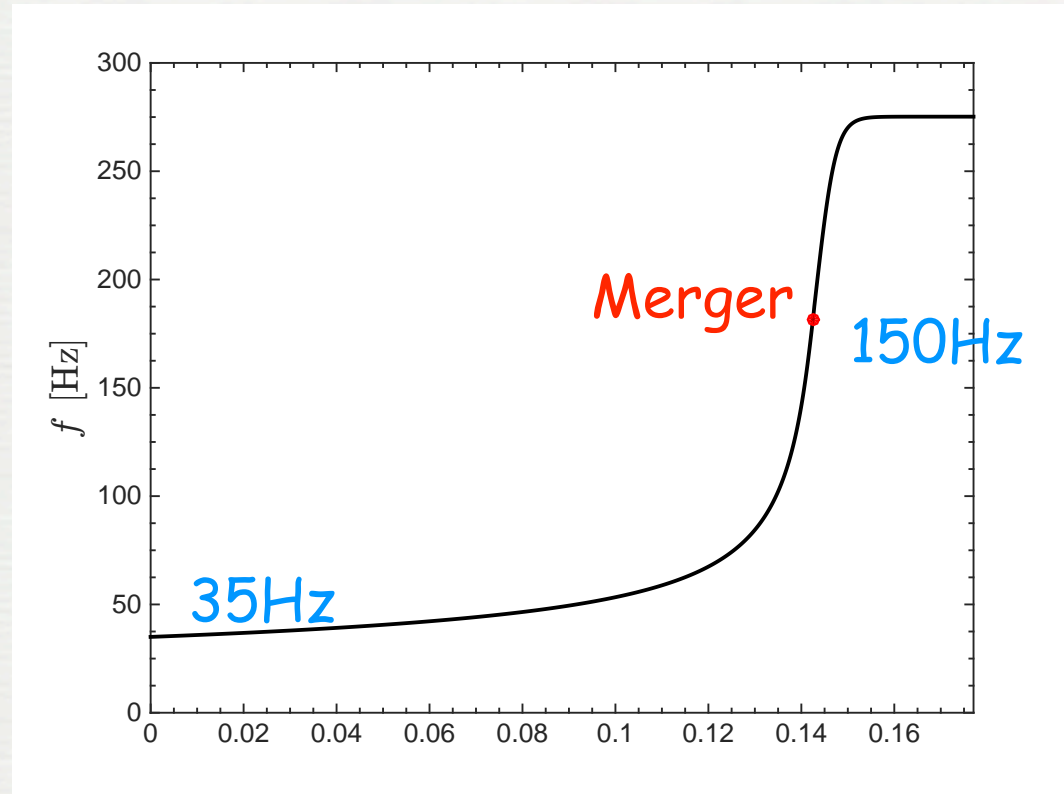
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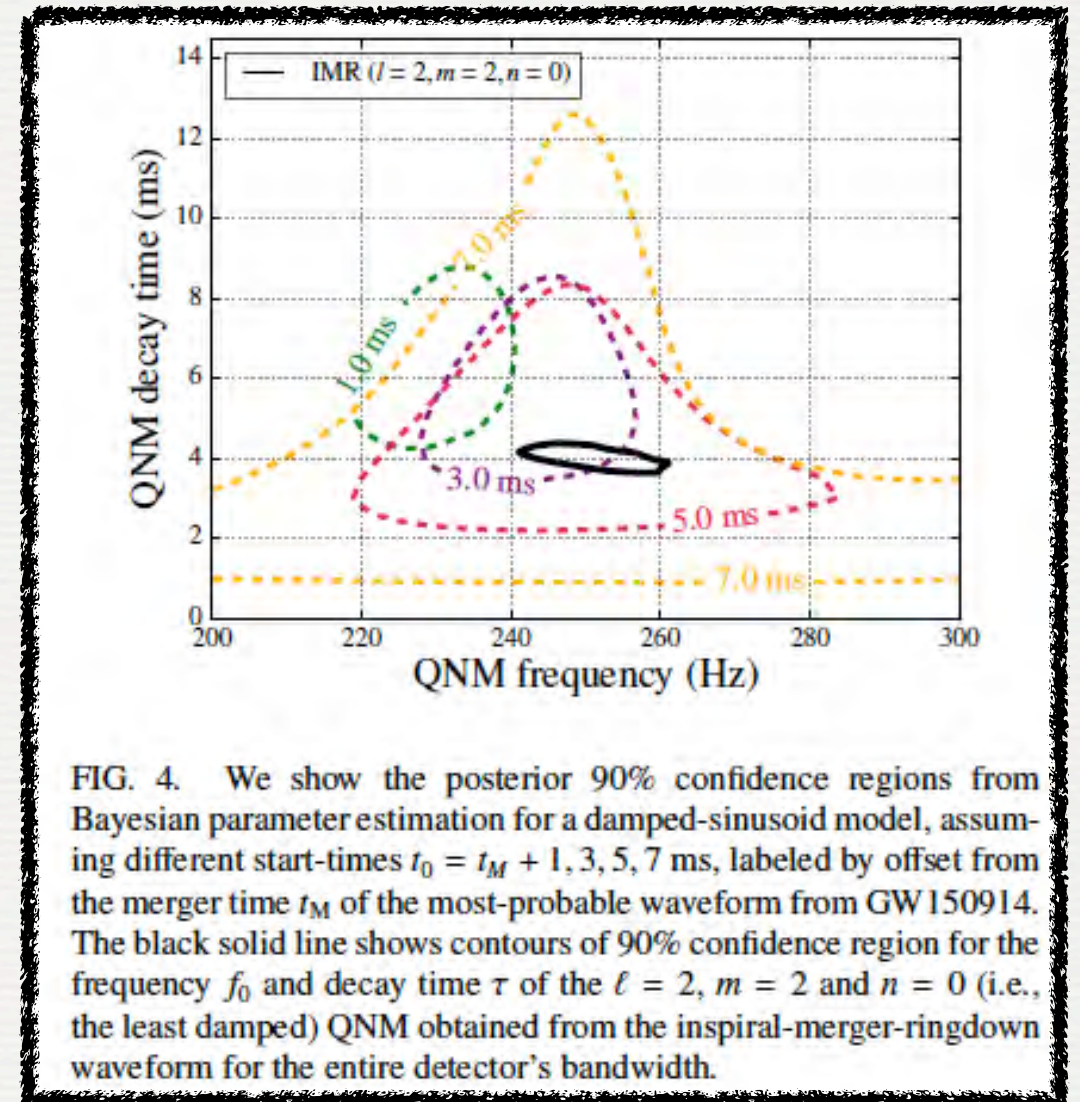
# FAST CHIRP: COULD GW150914 BE A BNS?

The merger occurs at frequencies too low to be a "standard" BNS

GW frequency grows from 35Hz to 150Hz around peak (factor 4) over the observed 8GWs cycles



But the final answer is that consistency was found between inspiral and ringdown!

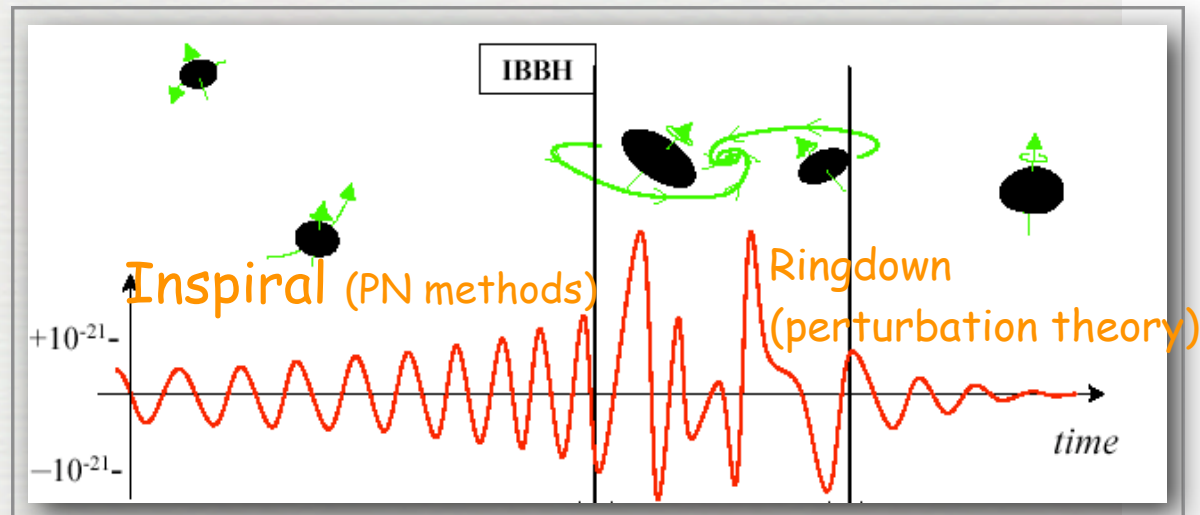


Still, one would like to put experimental limits on Love numbers (NOT DONE!)

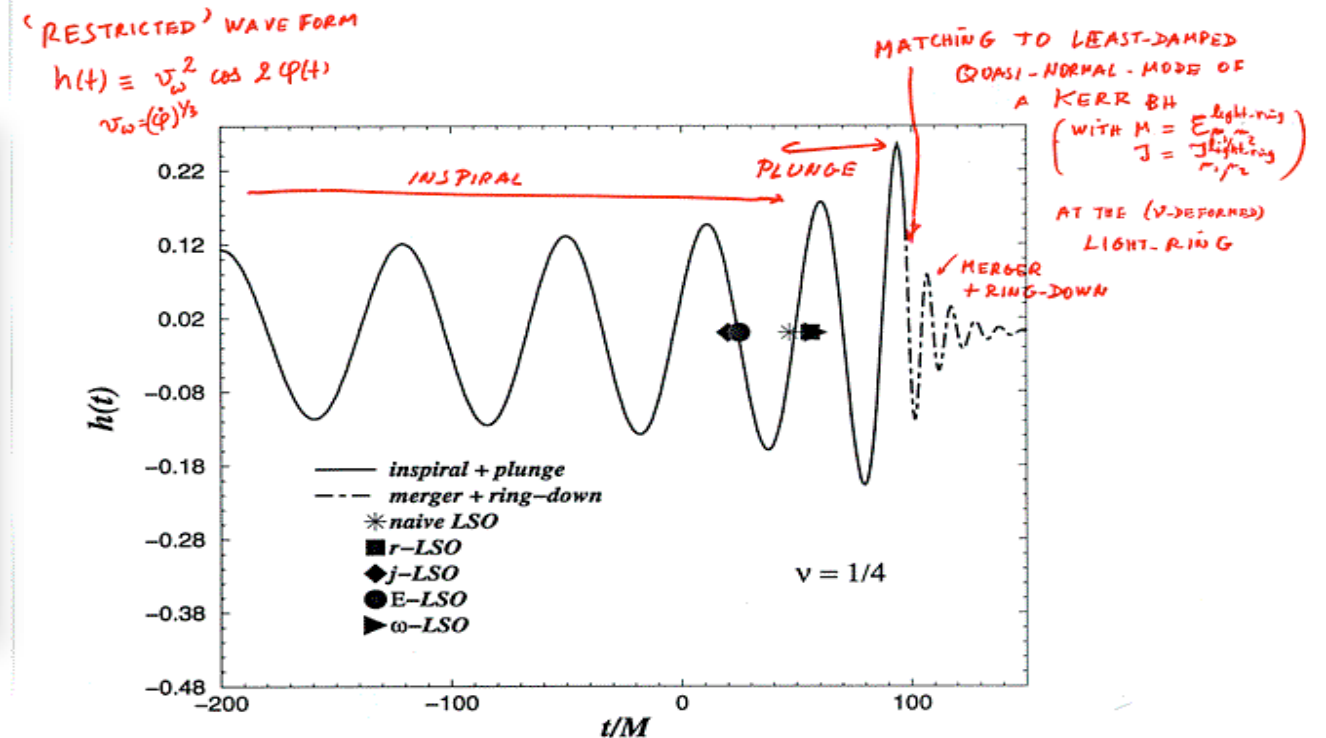


# TEMPLATES FOR GWS FROM BBH COALESCENCE

Brady, Craighton & Thorne, 1998



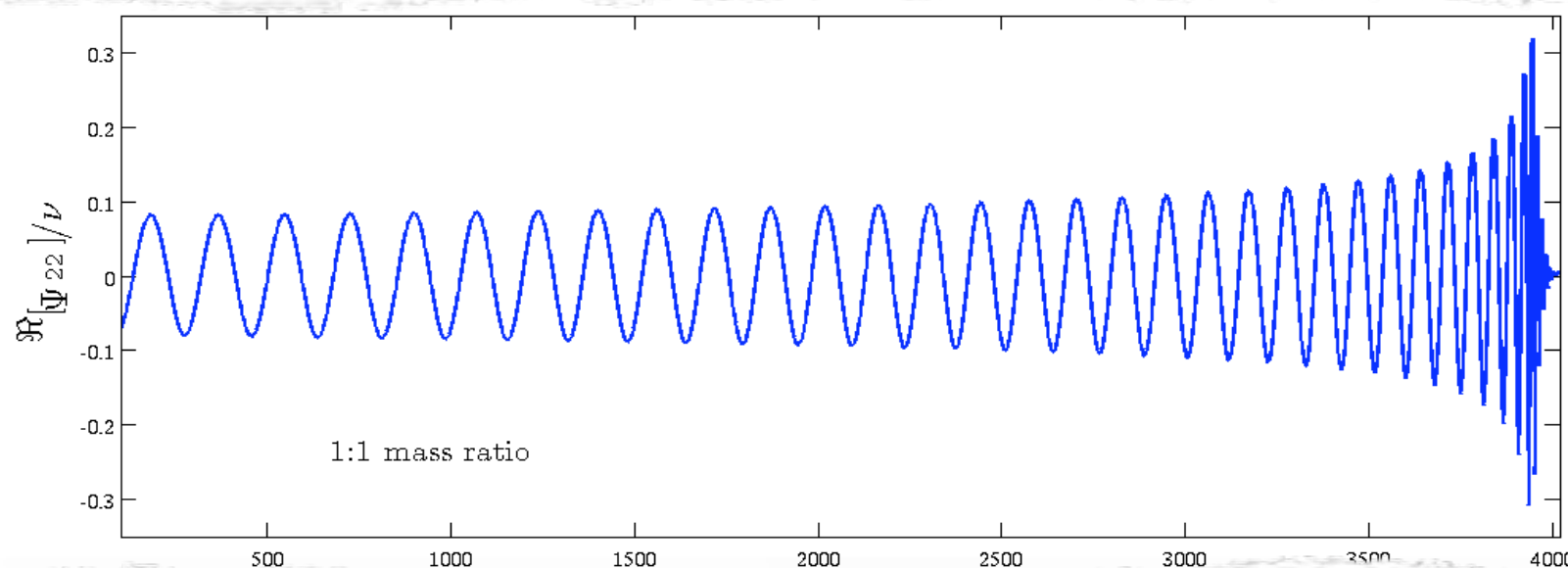
Merger:  
Numerical Relativity



Effective-One-Body (Buonanno & Damour (2000))

Numerical Relativity:  $\geq 2005$  (F. Pretorius, Campanelli et al., Baker et al.)

Most accurate data: Caltech-Cornell spectral code: M. Scheel et al., 2008 (SXS collaboration)



Spectral code

Extrapolation (radius & resolution)

Phase error:

$< 0.02$  rad (inspiral)

$< 0.1$  rad (ringdown)

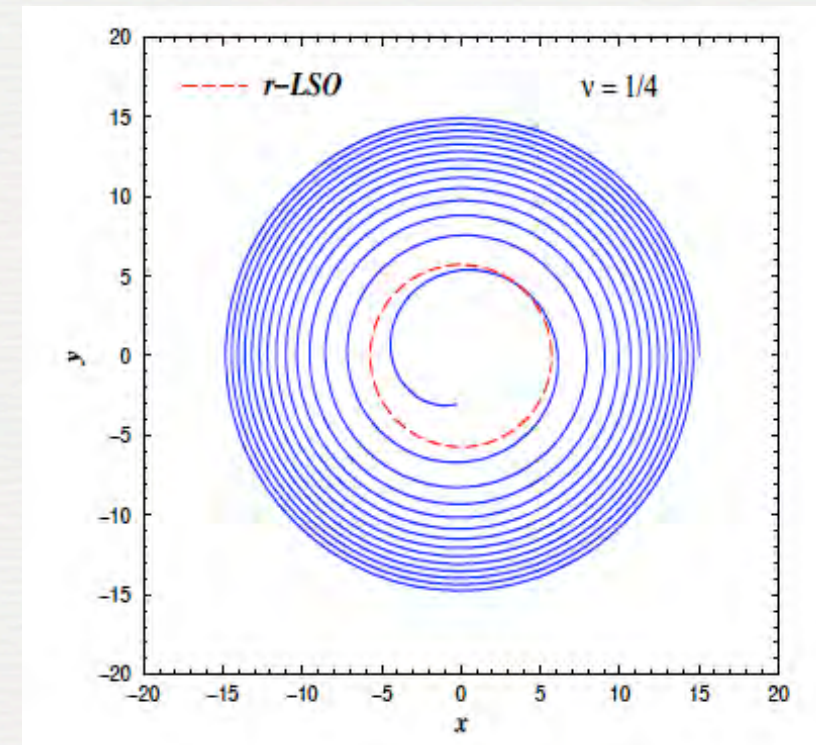
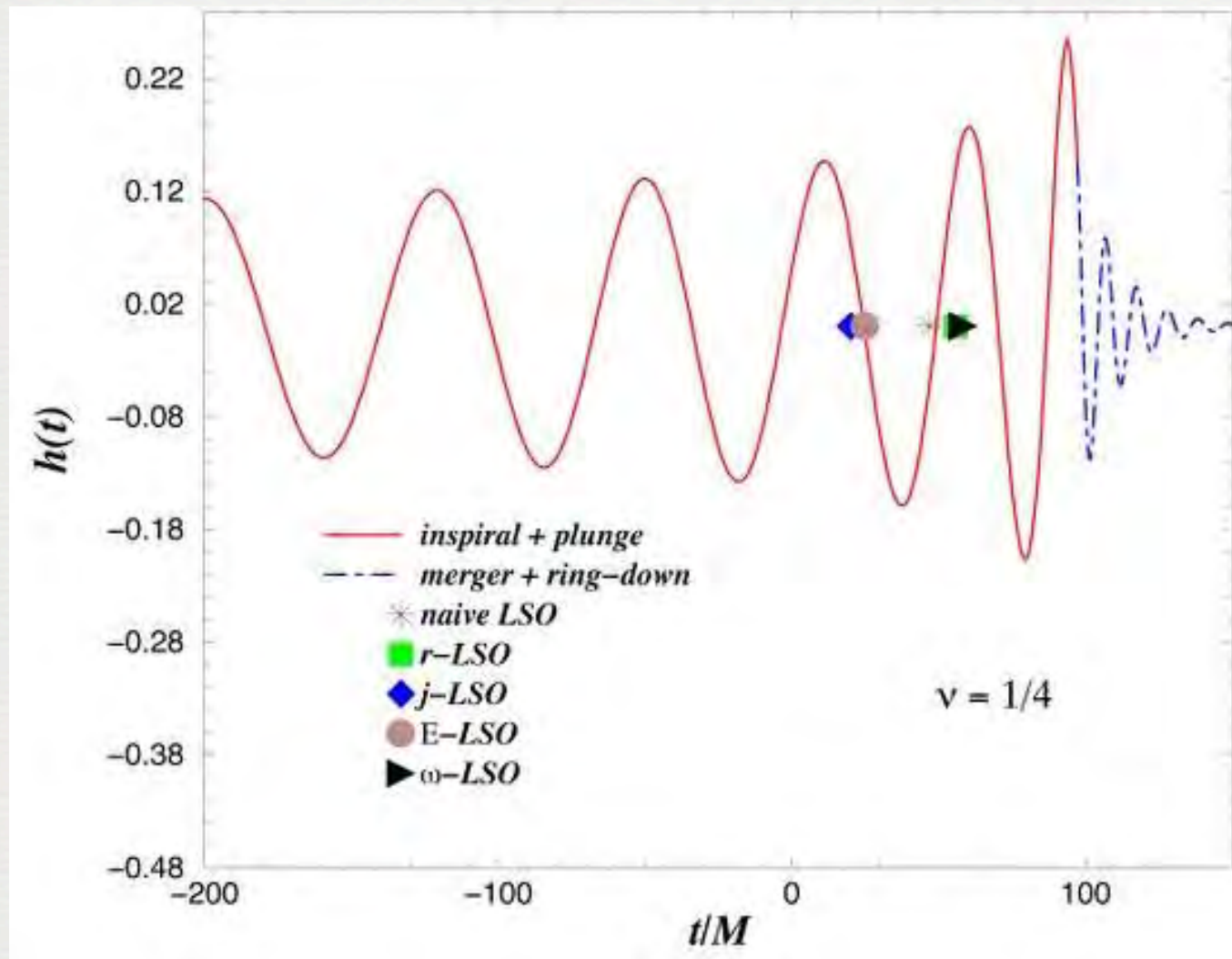
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# EFFECTIVE ONE BODY (EOB): 2000

Numerical Relativity was not working (yet...)

EOB formalism was predictive, qualitatively and semi-quantitatively correct (10%)



- Blurred transition from inspiral to plunge
- Final black-hole mass
- Final black hole spin
- Complete waveform

A. Buonanno & T. Damour, PRD 59 (1999) 084006

A. Buonanno & T. Damour, PRD 62 (2000) 064015

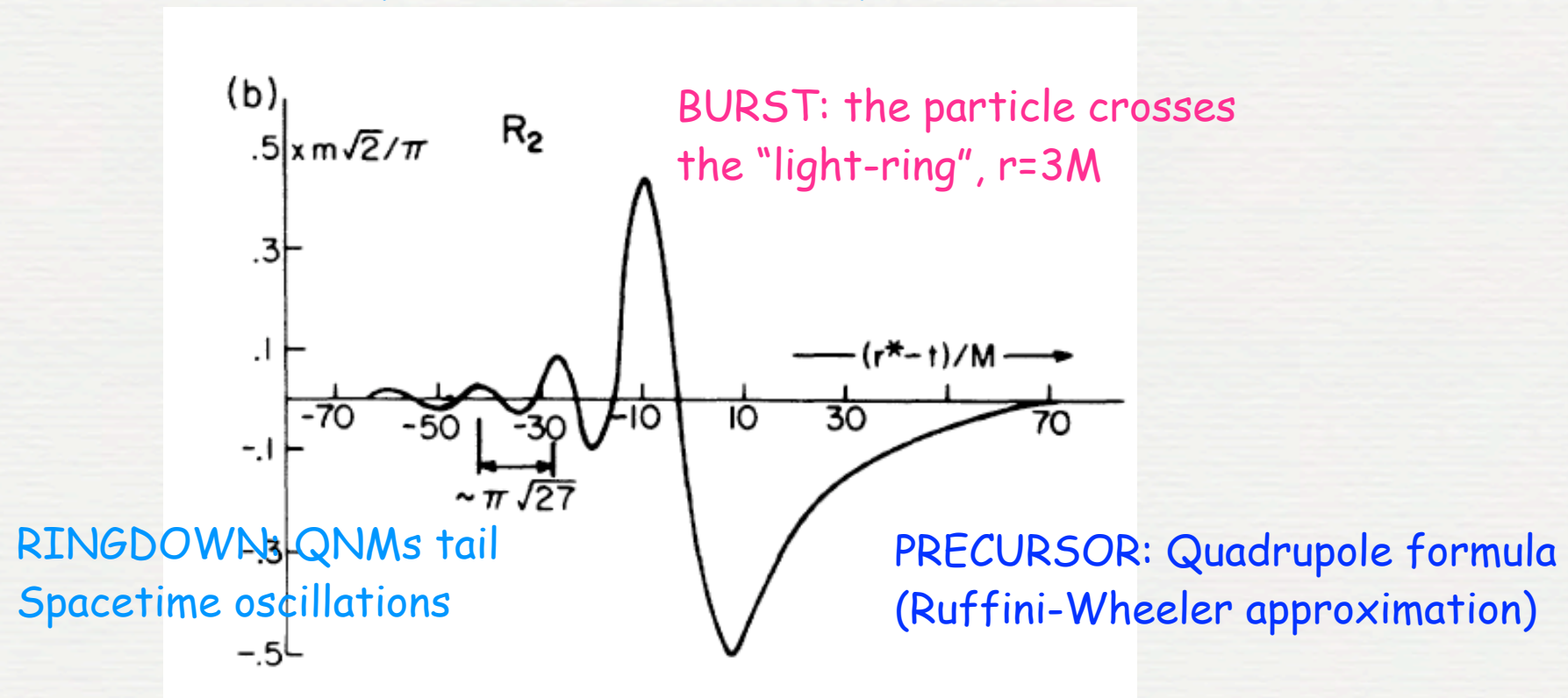
$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} = \frac{\mu}{M}$$

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# PRECURSOR-BURST-RINGDOWN STRUCTURE :1972

Davis, Ruffini & Tiomno: radial plunge of a test-particle onto a Schwarzschild black hole (Regge-Wheeler-Zerilli BH perturbation theory)

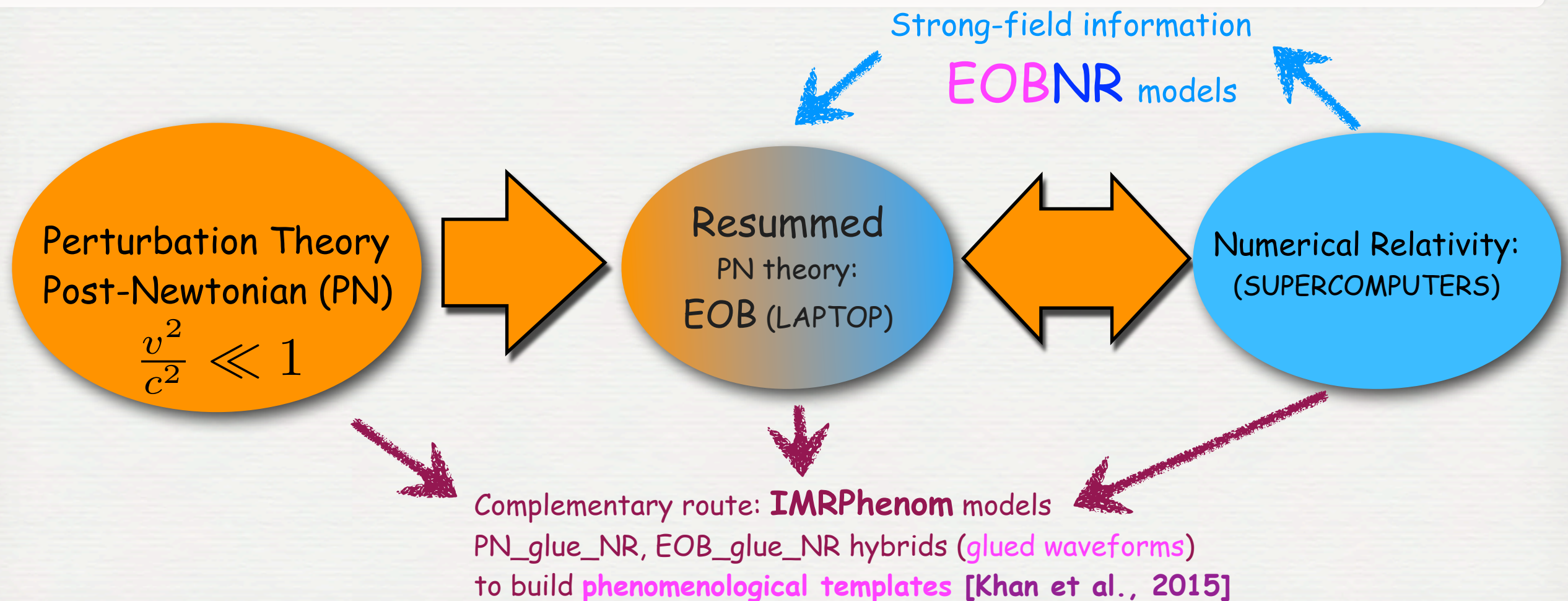


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# IMPORTANCE OF AN ANALYTICAL FORMALISM

- **Theoretical:** physical understanding of the coalescence process, especially in complicated situations (e.g., precessing spins).
- **Practical:** need many thousands of accurate GWs templates for detection and data analysis. Need analytical templates:  $h(m_1, m_2, \vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2)$
- **Solution:** synergy between analytical & numerical relativity



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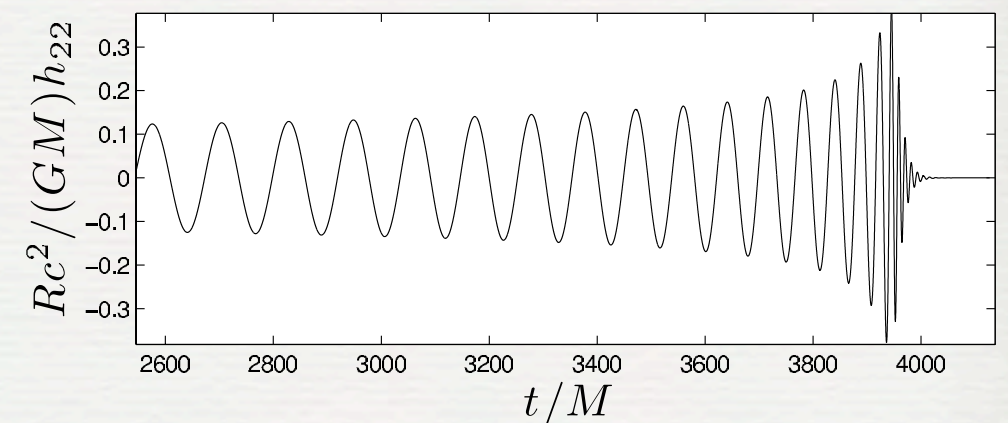
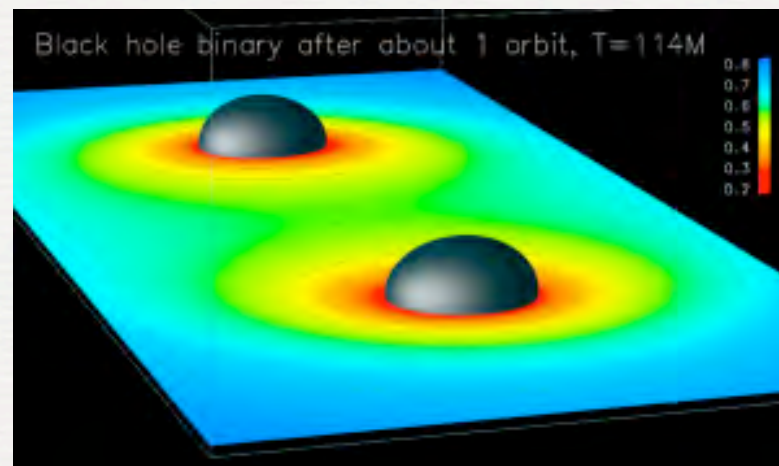
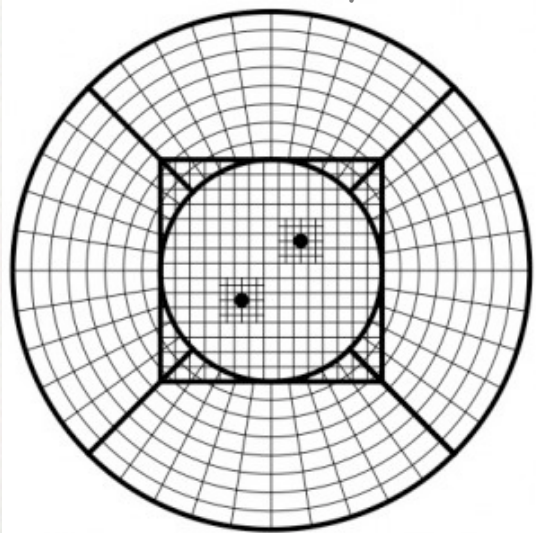
# BBH & BNS COALESCENCE: NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

Numerical relativity is complicated & computationally expensive:

- Formulation of Einstein equations (BSSN, harmonic, Z4c,...)
- Setting up initial data (solution of the constraints)
- Gauge choice
- Numerical approach (finite-differencing (FD, e.g. Llama) vs spectral (SpEC, SXS))
- High-order FD operators
- Treatment of BH singularity (excision vs punctures)
- Wave extraction problem on finite-size grids (Cauchy-Characteristic vs extrapolation)
- Huge computational resources (mass-ratios 1:10; spin)
- Adaptive-mesh-refinement
- Error budget (convergence rates are far from clean...)
- For BNS: further complications due to GR-Hydrodynamics for matter
- Months of running/analysis to get one accurate waveform....

## Multi-patch grid structure

(Llama FD code, Pollney & Reisswig)



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# A catalog of 171 high-quality binary black-hole simulations for gravitational-wave astronomy [PRL 111 (2013) 241104]

Abdul H. Mroué,<sup>1</sup> Mark A. Scheel,<sup>2</sup> Béla Szilágyi,<sup>2</sup> Harald P. Pfeiffer,<sup>1</sup> Michael Boyle,<sup>3</sup> Daniel A. Hemberger,<sup>3</sup> Lawrence E. Kidder,<sup>3</sup> Geoffrey Lovelace,<sup>4,2</sup> Sergei Ossokine,<sup>1,5</sup> Nicholas W. Taylor,<sup>2</sup> Anil Zenginoğlu,<sup>2</sup> Luisa T. Buchman,<sup>2</sup> Tony Chu,<sup>1</sup> Evan Foley,<sup>4</sup> Matthew Giesler,<sup>4</sup> Robert Owen,<sup>6</sup> and Saul A. Teukolsky<sup>3</sup>

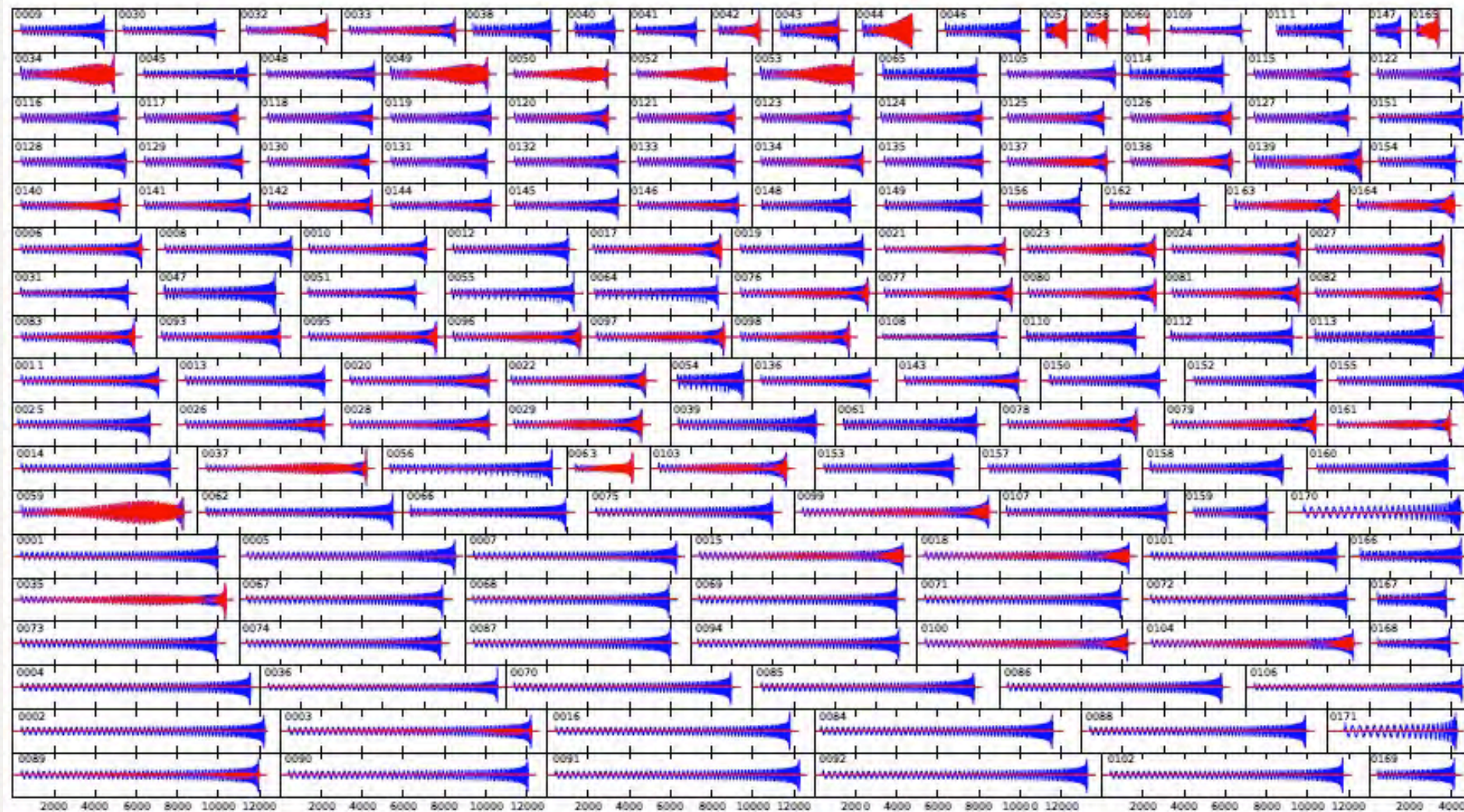


FIG. 3: Waveforms from all simulations in the catalog. Shown here are  $h_+$  (blue) and  $h_x$  (red) in a sky direction parallel to the initial orbital plane of each simulation. All plots have the same horizontal scale, with each tick representing a time interval of  $2000M$ , where  $M$  is the total mass.

• [www.blackholes.org](http://www.blackholes.org)

But (at least) 250.000 templates were used...

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# ANALYTICALLY: MOTION AND GW IN GR

**Hamiltonian:** conservative part of the dynamics

**Radiation reaction:** mechanical energy/angular momentum goes away in GWs and backreacts on the system.

The (closed) **orbit** **CIRCULARIZES** and **SHRINKS** with time

**Waveform**

General Relativity is **NONLINEAR!**

Post-Newtonian (PN) approximation: expansion in  $\frac{v^2}{c^2}$



# PROBLEM OF MOTION IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

## Approximation methods

- ▶ post-Minkowskian (Einstein 1916)
- ▶ post-Newtonian (Droste 1916)
- ▶ Matching of asymptotic expansions: body zone/near zone/wave zone
- ▶ Numerical Relativity

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}(x), \quad h_{\mu\nu} \ll 1$$
$$h_{00} \sim h_{ij} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2}, \quad h_{0i} \sim \frac{v^3}{c^3}, \quad \partial_0 h \sim \frac{v}{c} \partial_i h$$

One-chart versus Multi-chart approaches

Coupling between Einstein field equations and equations of motion

Strongly self-gravitating bodies: neutron stars or black holes

$$h_{\mu\nu}(x) \sim 1$$

Skeletonized:  $T_{\mu\nu}$  point-masses ? delta-functions in GR

Multipolar Expansion

Need to go to very high-orders of approximation

QFT-like  
calculations

Use a "cocktail": PM, PN, MPM, MAE, EFT, an. reg., dim. reg.,...



# POST-NEWTONIAN HAMILTONIAN (C.O.M)

$$\hat{H}_{\text{real}}^{\text{NR}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \hat{H}_{\text{N}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) + \hat{H}_{1\text{PN}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) + \hat{H}_{2\text{PN}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) + \hat{H}_{3\text{PN}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}), \quad (4.27)$$

where

$$\hat{H}_{\text{N}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2} - \frac{1}{q}, \quad \text{Newton (OPN)} \quad (4.28a)$$

$$\hat{H}_{1\text{PN}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{8}(3\nu - 1)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{1}{2}[(3 + \nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + \nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2] \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{2q^2}, \quad (1\text{PN}, 1938) \quad (4.28b)$$

- [Einstein-Infeld-Hoffman]

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{2\text{PN}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = & \frac{1}{16}(1 - 5\nu + 5\nu^2)(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1}{8}[(5 - 20\nu - 3\nu^2)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - 2\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2\mathbf{p}^2 - 3\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4] \frac{1}{q} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}[(5 + 8\nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + 3\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2] \frac{1}{q^2} - \frac{1}{4}(1 + 3\nu)\frac{1}{q^3}, \quad (2\text{PN}, 1982/83) \quad (4.28c) \end{aligned}$$

- [Damour-Deruelle]

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{3\text{PN}}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = & \frac{1}{128}(-5 + 35\nu - 70\nu^2 + 35\nu^3)(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 \\ & + \frac{1}{16}[(-7 + 42\nu - 53\nu^2 - 5\nu^3)(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + (2 - 3\nu)\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + 3(1 - \nu)\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4\mathbf{p}^2 - 5\nu^3(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6] \frac{1}{q} \\ & + \left[ \frac{1}{16}(-27 + 136\nu + 109\nu^2)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(17 + 30\nu)\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2\mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{1}{12}(5 + 43\nu)\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right] \frac{1}{q^2} \quad (3\text{PN}, 2000) \\ & + \left\{ \left[ -\frac{25}{8} + \left( \frac{1}{64}\pi^2 - \frac{335}{48} \right) \nu - \frac{23}{8}\nu^2 \right] \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( -\frac{85}{16} - \frac{3}{64}\pi^2 - \frac{7}{4}\nu \right) \nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{q^3} \\ & + \left[ \frac{1}{8} + \left( \frac{109}{12} - \frac{21}{32}\pi^2 + \omega_{\text{static}} \right) \nu \right] \frac{1}{q^4}. \quad (4.28d) \end{aligned}$$

- [Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer]

...and **4PN** too, [Damour, Jaranowski&Schaefer 2014/2015] - 4 loop calculation

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_1 = -\mathbf{p}_2$$

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# PN-EXPANDED (CIRCULAR) ENERGY FLUX (3.5PN)

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{L}$$

balance equation

Mechanical loss

GW luminosity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = \frac{32c^5}{5G} \nu^2 x^5 \bigg\{ & 1 + \left( -\frac{1247}{336} - \frac{35}{12}\nu \right) x + 4\pi x^{3/2} + \left( -\frac{44711}{9072} + \frac{9271}{504}\nu + \frac{65}{18}\nu^2 \right) x^2 \\ & + \left( -\frac{8191}{672} - \frac{583}{24}\nu \right) \pi x^{5/2} \\ & + \left[ \frac{6643739519}{69854400} + \frac{16}{3}\pi^2 - \frac{1712}{105}C - \frac{856}{105}\ln(16x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( -\frac{134543}{7776} + \frac{41}{48}\pi^2 \right) \nu - \frac{94403}{3024}\nu^2 - \frac{775}{324}\nu^3 \right] x^3 \\ & + \left( -\frac{16285}{504} + \frac{214745}{1728}\nu + \frac{193385}{3024}\nu^2 \right) \pi x^{7/2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^8}\right) \bigg\}. \end{aligned}$$

Newtonian  
quadrupole  
formula

$$C = \gamma_E = 0.5772156649\dots$$

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# TAYLOR-EXPANDED (CIRCULAR) 3PN WAVEFORM

Blanchet, Iyer&Joguet, 02; Blanchet, Damour, Iyer&Esposito-Farese, 04; Kidder07; Blanchet et al.,08

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^{22} = & -8\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} \frac{G\nu m}{c^2 R} e^{-2i\phi} x \left\{ 1 - x \left( \frac{107}{42} - \frac{55}{42} \nu \right) + x^{3/2} \left[ 2\pi + 6i \ln\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) \right] - x^2 \left( \frac{2173}{1512} + \frac{1069}{216} \nu - \frac{2047}{1512} \nu^2 \right) \right. \\
 & - x^{5/2} \left[ \left( \frac{107}{21} - \frac{34}{21} \nu \right) \pi + 24i\nu + \left( \frac{107i}{7} - \frac{34i}{7} \nu \right) \ln\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) \right] \\
 & + x^3 \left[ \frac{27\,027\,409}{646\,800} - \frac{856}{105} \gamma_E + \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 - \frac{1712}{105} \ln 2 - \frac{428}{105} \ln x \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - 18 \left[ \ln\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) \right]^2 - \left( \frac{278\,185}{33\,264} - \frac{41}{96} \pi^2 \right) \nu - \frac{20\,261}{2772} \nu^2 + \frac{114\,635}{99\,792} \nu^3 + \frac{428i}{105} \pi + 12i\pi \ln\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) \right] + O(\epsilon^{7/2}) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = (M\Omega)^{2/3} \sim v^2/c^2$$

$$M = m_1 + m_2$$

$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M^2}$$



# EFFECTIVE-ONE-BODY (EOB)

approach to the general relativistic two-body problem

(Buonanno-Damour 99, 00, Damour-Jaranowski-Schäfer 00, Damour 01, Damour-Nagar 07, Damour-Iyer-Nagar 08)

key ideas:

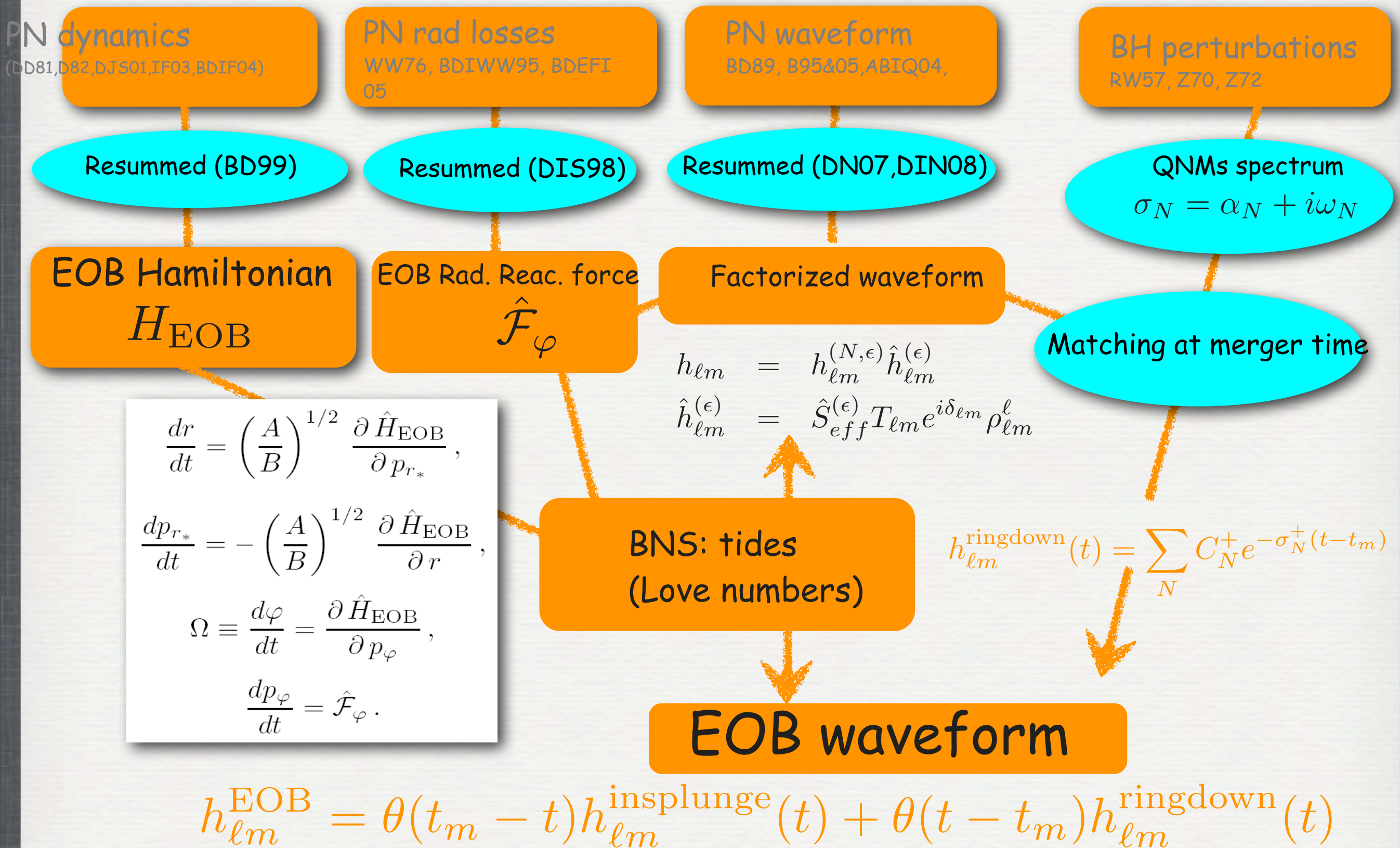
- (1) Replace two-body dynamics  $(m_1, m_2)$  by dynamics of a particle ( $\mu \equiv m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$ ) in an effective metric  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}}(u)$ , with

$$u \equiv GM/c^2 R, \quad M \equiv m_1 + m_2$$

- (2) Systematically use **RESUMMATION** of PN expressions (both  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{RR}$ ) based on various physical requirements
- (3) Require **continuous deformation w.r.t.**  
 $\nu \equiv \mu/M \equiv m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)^2$  in the interval  $0 \leq \nu \leq \frac{1}{4}$



# STRUCTURE OF THE EOB FORMALISM





# EXPLICIT FORM OF THE EOB HAMILTONIAN

## EOB Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{EOB}} = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left( \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} - 1 \right)}$$

All Functions are a  $\nu$ -dependent deformation of the Schwarzschild ones

$$A(r) = 1 - 2u + 2\nu u^3 + a_4 \nu u^4$$

$$a_4 = \frac{94}{3} - \frac{41}{32} \pi^2 \simeq 18.6879027$$

$$A(r)B(r) = 1 - 6\nu u^2 + 2(3\nu - 26)\nu u^3 \quad u = GM/(c^2 R)$$

## Simple effective Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} \equiv \sqrt{p_{r_*}^2 + A(r) \left( 1 + \frac{p_\varphi^2}{r^2} + z_3 \frac{p_{r_*}^4}{r^2} \right)} \quad p_{r_*} = \left( \frac{A}{B} \right)^{1/2} p_r$$

Crucial EOB radial potential

Contribution at 3PN



# EFFECTIVE POTENTIALS

Newtonian gravity (any mass ratio):  
circular orbits are always stable. No plunge.

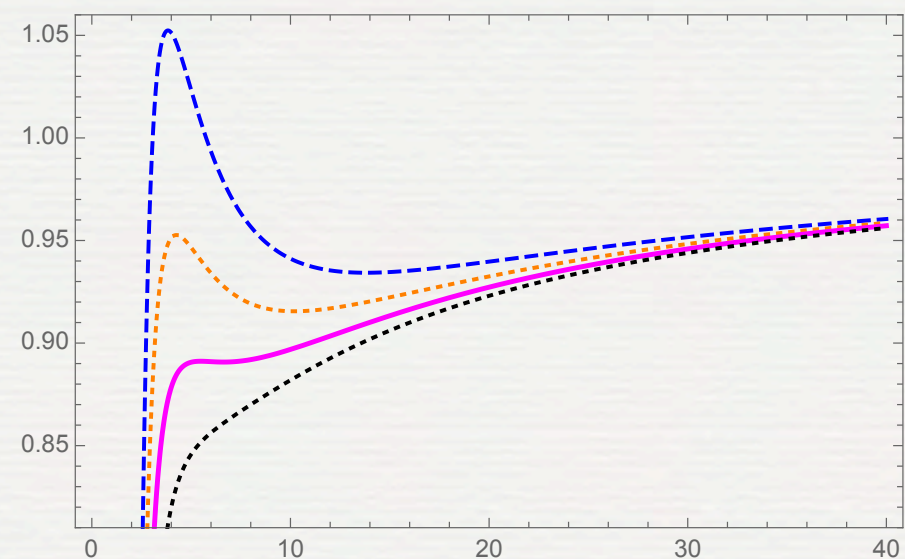
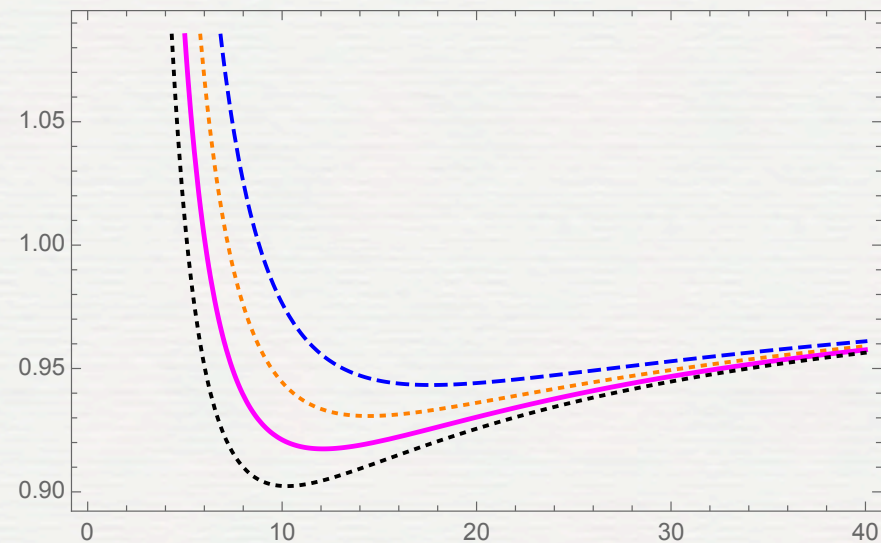
$$W_{\text{Newt}}^{\text{eff}} = 1 - \frac{2}{r} + \frac{p_{\varphi}^2}{r^2}$$

Test-body on Schwarzschild black hole:  
last stable orbit (LSO) at  $r=6M$ ; plunge

$$W_{\text{Schwarzschild}}^{\text{eff}} = \left(1 - \frac{2}{r}\right) \left(1 + \frac{p_{\varphi}^2}{r^2}\right)$$

**EOB**, Black-hole binary, any mass ratio:  
last stable orbit (LSO) at  $r < 6M$  plunge

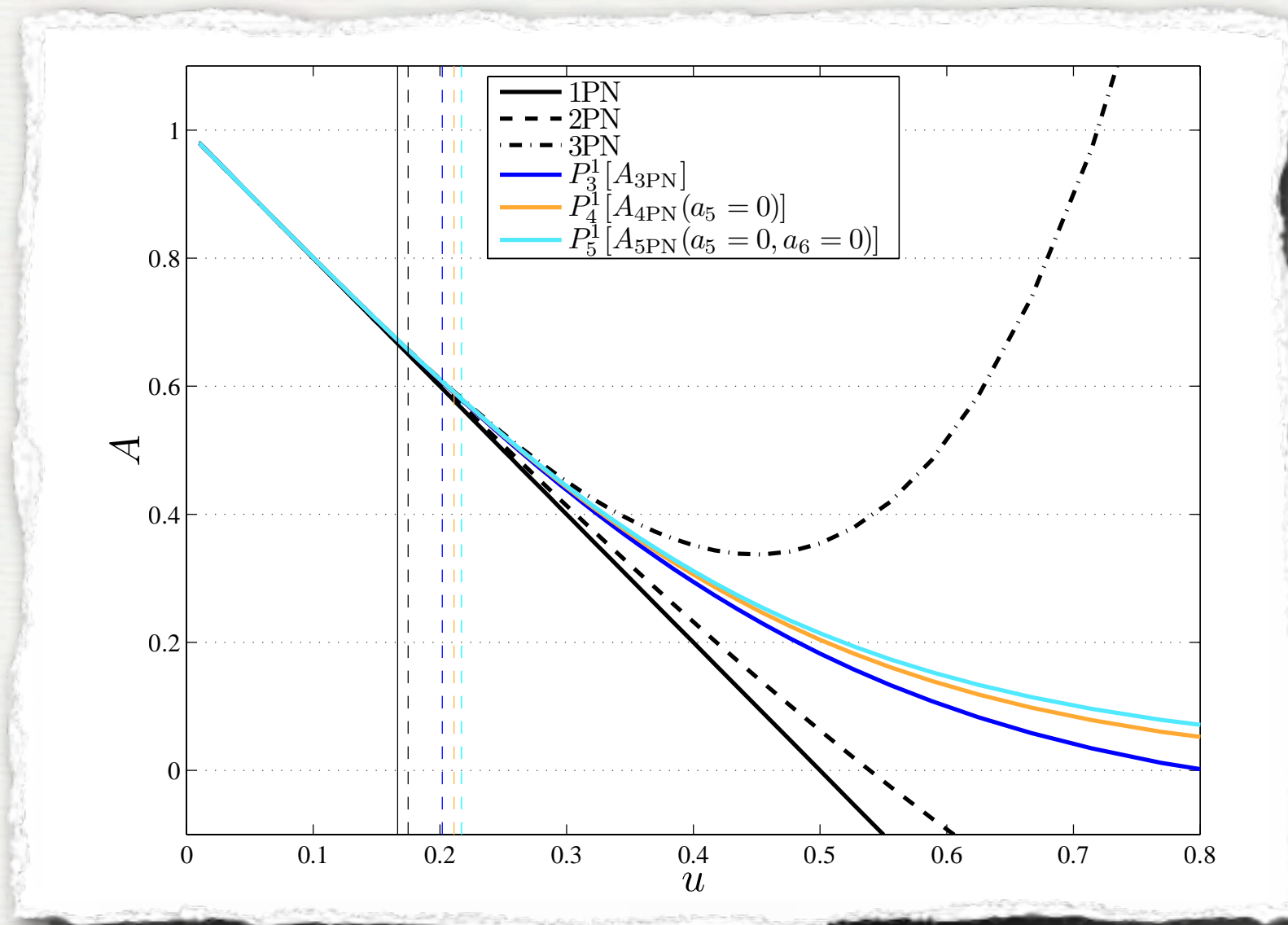
$$W_{\text{EOB}}^{\text{eff}} = A(r; \nu) \left(1 + \frac{p_{\varphi}^2}{r^2}\right)$$



$\nu$ -deformation of the Schwarzschild case!



# USE OF PADE APPROXIMANTS



- Continuity with Schwarzschild metric:  $A(r)$  needs to have a zero
- Simple (possible) prescription: use a Padé representation of the potential

$$A(r) = P_3^1[A^{3\text{PN}}(r)] = \frac{1 + n_1 u}{1 + d_1 u + d_2 u^2 + d_3 u^3}$$

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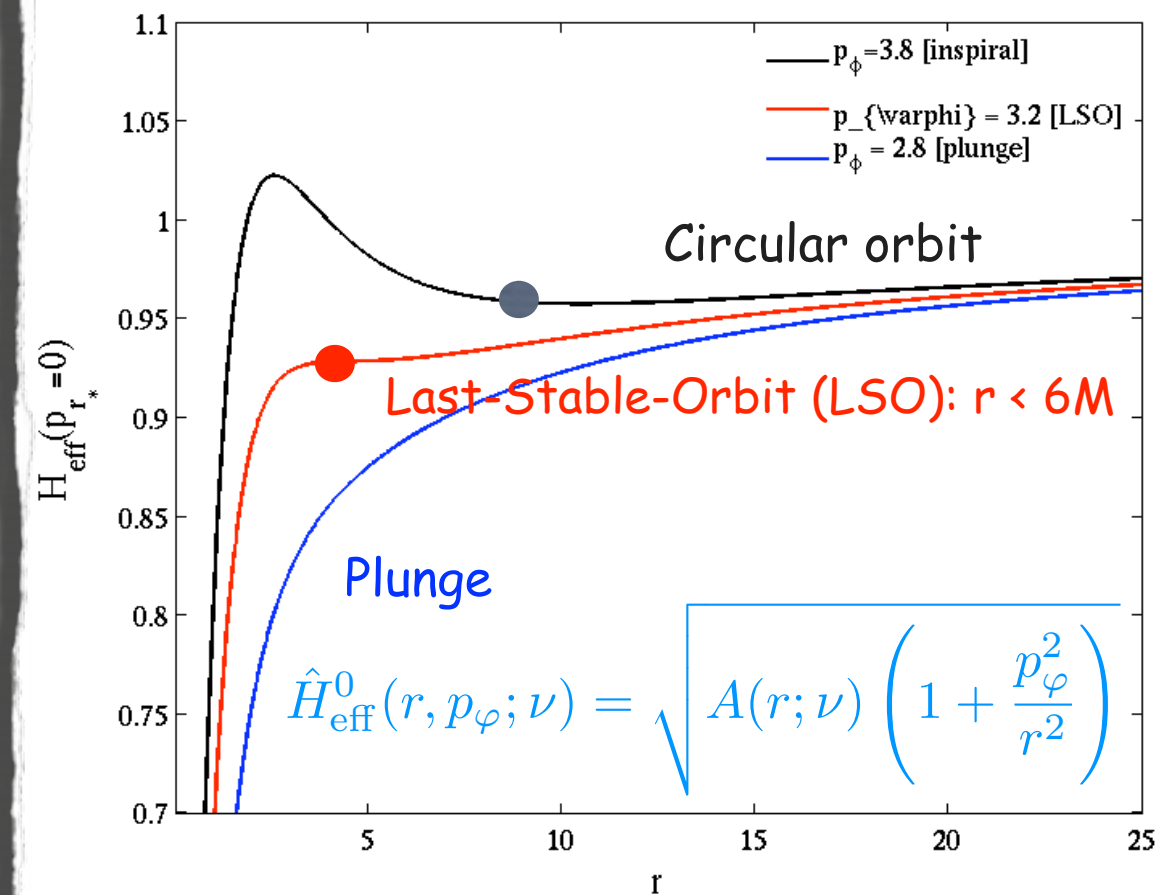
# HAMILTON'S EQUATIONS & RADIATION REACTION

$$\dot{r} = \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{1/2} \frac{\partial \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}}}{\partial p_{r*}}$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{\partial \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}}}{\partial p_{\varphi}} \equiv \Omega$$

$$\dot{p}_{r*} = - \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{1/2} \frac{\partial \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}}}{\partial r} + \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{r*}$$

$$\dot{p}_{\varphi} = \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\varphi}$$



- The system must radiate angular momentum
- How? Use PN-based (Taylor-expanded) radiation reaction force (ang-mom flux)
- Need flux resummation

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\varphi}^{\text{Taylor}} = -\frac{32}{5} \nu \Omega^5 r_{\Omega}^4 \hat{F}^{\text{Taylor}}(v_{\varphi}) \rightarrow$$

Plus horizon contribution [AN&Akcaay2012]

Resummation multipole by multipole  
(Damour&Nagar 2007,  
Damour, Iyer & Nagar 2008,  
Damour & Nagar, 2009)



# THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CENTRAL A POTENTIAL TODAY

## 4PN analytically complete + 5PN logarithmic term in the $A(u)$ function:

[Damour 2009, Blanchet et al. 2010, Barack, Damour & Sago 2010, Le Tiec et al. 2011, Barausse et al. 2011, Akcay et al. 2012, Bini & Damour 2013, Damour Jaranowski & Schaefer 2014].

$$A_{5\text{PN}}^{\text{Taylor}} = 1 - 2u + 2\nu u^3 + \left( \frac{94}{3} - \frac{41}{32}\pi^2 \right) \nu u^4 + \nu [a_5^c(\nu) + a_5^{\text{ln}} \ln u] u^5 + \nu [a_6^c(\nu) + a_6^{\text{ln}} \ln u] u^6$$

1PN
2PN
3PN
4PN
5PN

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_5^{\text{log}} &= \frac{64}{5} \\
 a_5^c &= a_{50}^c + \nu a_{51}^c \\
 a_{50}^c &= -\frac{4237}{60} + \frac{2275}{512}\pi^2 + \frac{256}{5}\log(2) + \frac{128}{5}\gamma \\
 a_{51}^c &= -\frac{221}{6} + \frac{41}{32}\pi^2
 \end{aligned}
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$$a_6^{\text{log}} = -\frac{7004}{105} - \frac{144}{5}\nu \quad \text{5PN logarithmic term (analytically known)}$$

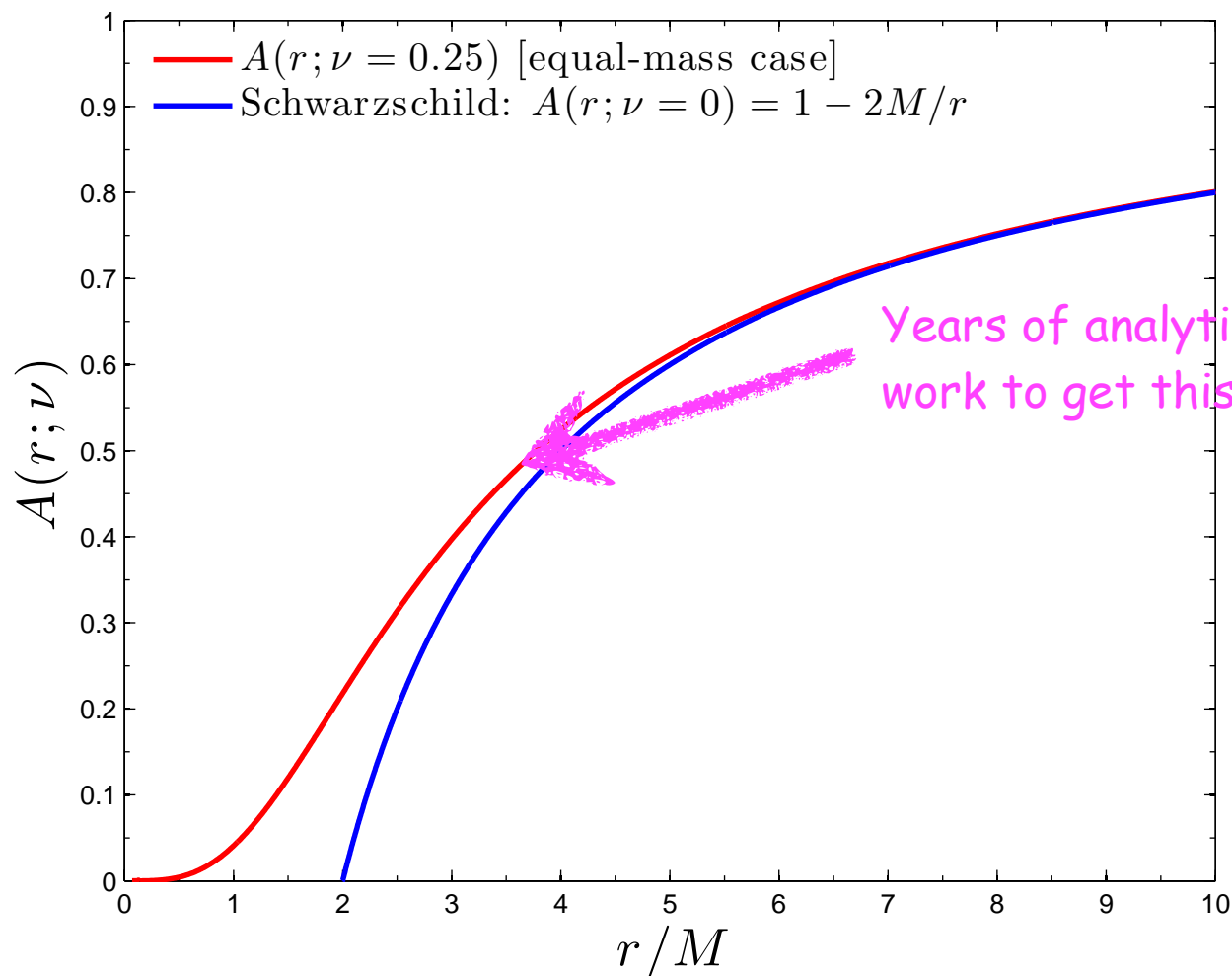
**NEED ONE "effective" 5PN parameter** from NR waveform data:  $a_6^c(\nu)$

State-of-the-art EOB potential (5PN-resummed):

$$A(u; \nu, a_6^c) = P_5^1 [A_{5\text{PN}}^{\text{Taylor}}(u; \nu, a_6^c)]$$



# THE EOB[NR] POTENTIAL



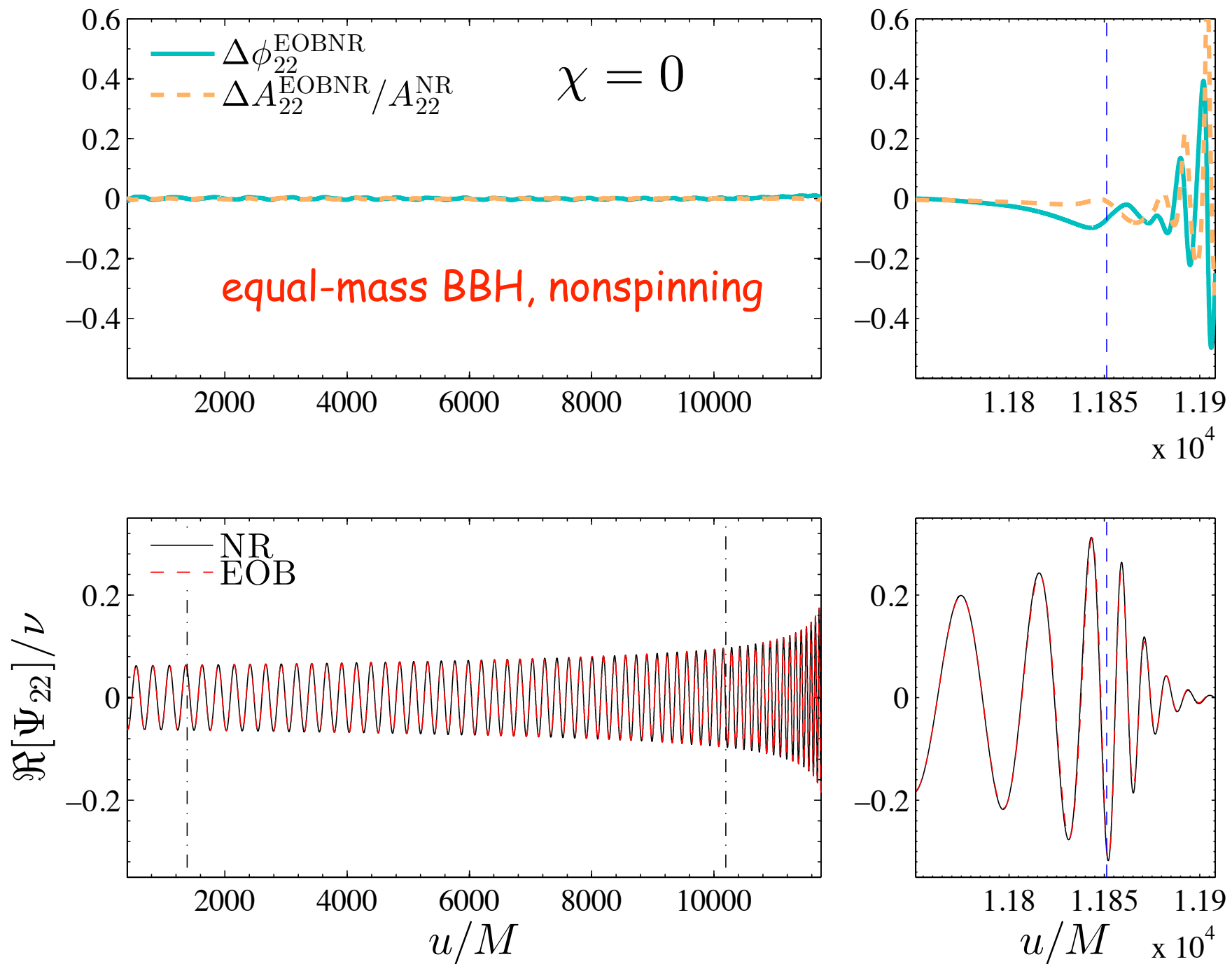
From EOB/NR-fitting:  $a_6^c(\nu) = 3097.3\nu^2 - 1330.6\nu + 81.3804$

**TAKE AWAY:**

system is more bound, smaller "separation" and higher frequencies!



# RESULTS: EOBNR/NR WAVEFORMS (NO SPIN)



equal-mass case

Nagar, Damour, Reisswig & Pollney, arXiv:1506.08457

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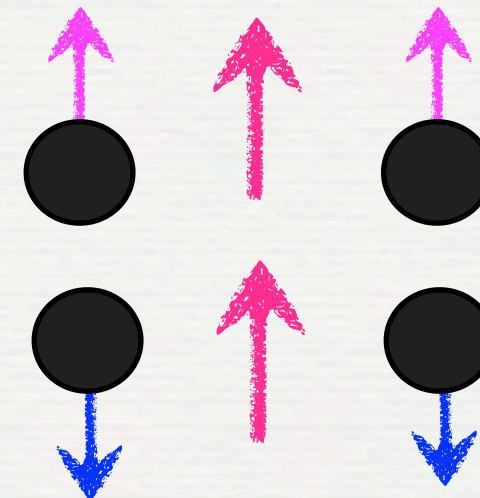
# SPINNING BBHs

## Spin-orbit & spin-spin couplings

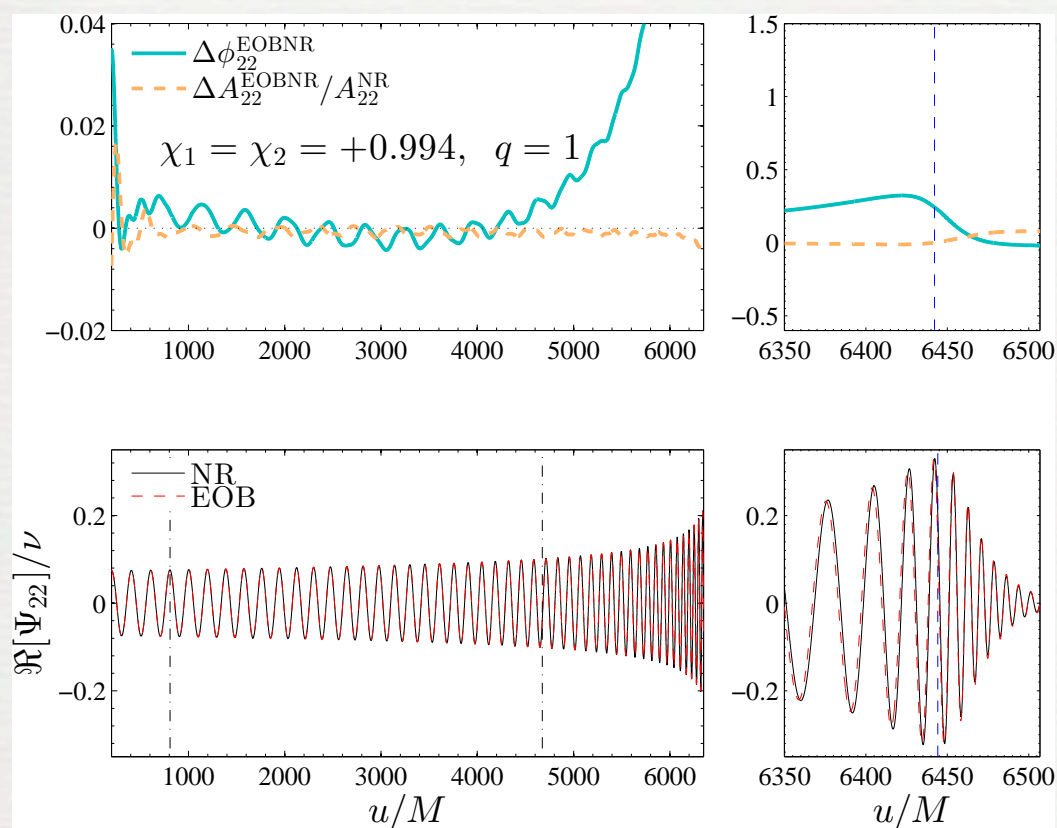
(i) Spins **aligned** with **L**: **repulsive** (slower) **L-o-n-g-e-r INSPIRAL**

(ii) Spins **anti-aligned** with **L**: **attractive** (faster) **shorter INSPIRAL**

(iii) **Misaligned spins**: precession of the orbital plane (**waveform modulation**)



$$\chi_{1,2} = \frac{c \mathbf{S}_{1,2}}{G m_{1,2}^2}$$



EOB/NR agreement: sophisticated (though rather simple) model for spin-aligned binaries

Damour&Nagar, PRD90 (2014), 024054

Damour&Nagar, PRD90 (2014), 044018

Nagar,Damour, Reisswig & Pollney, PRD 93 (2016), 044046

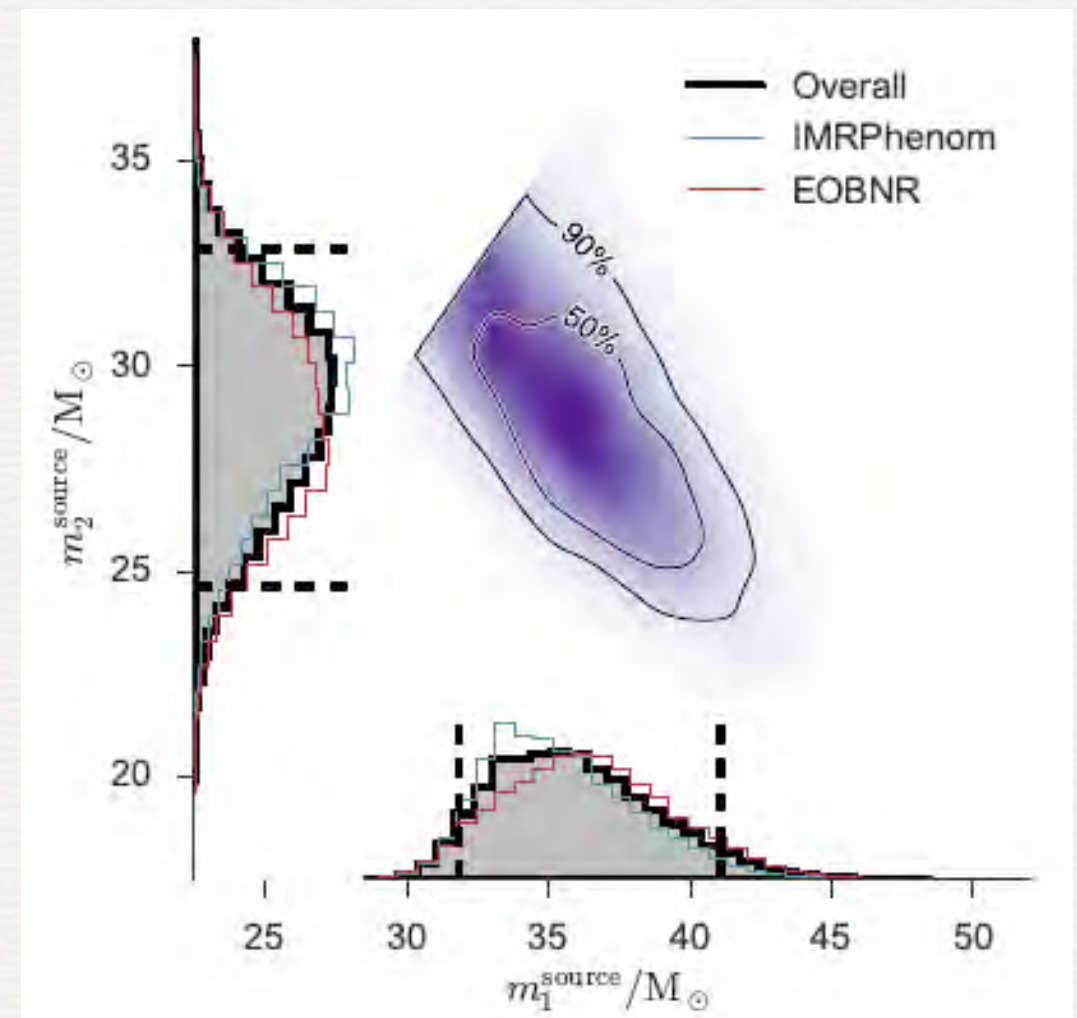
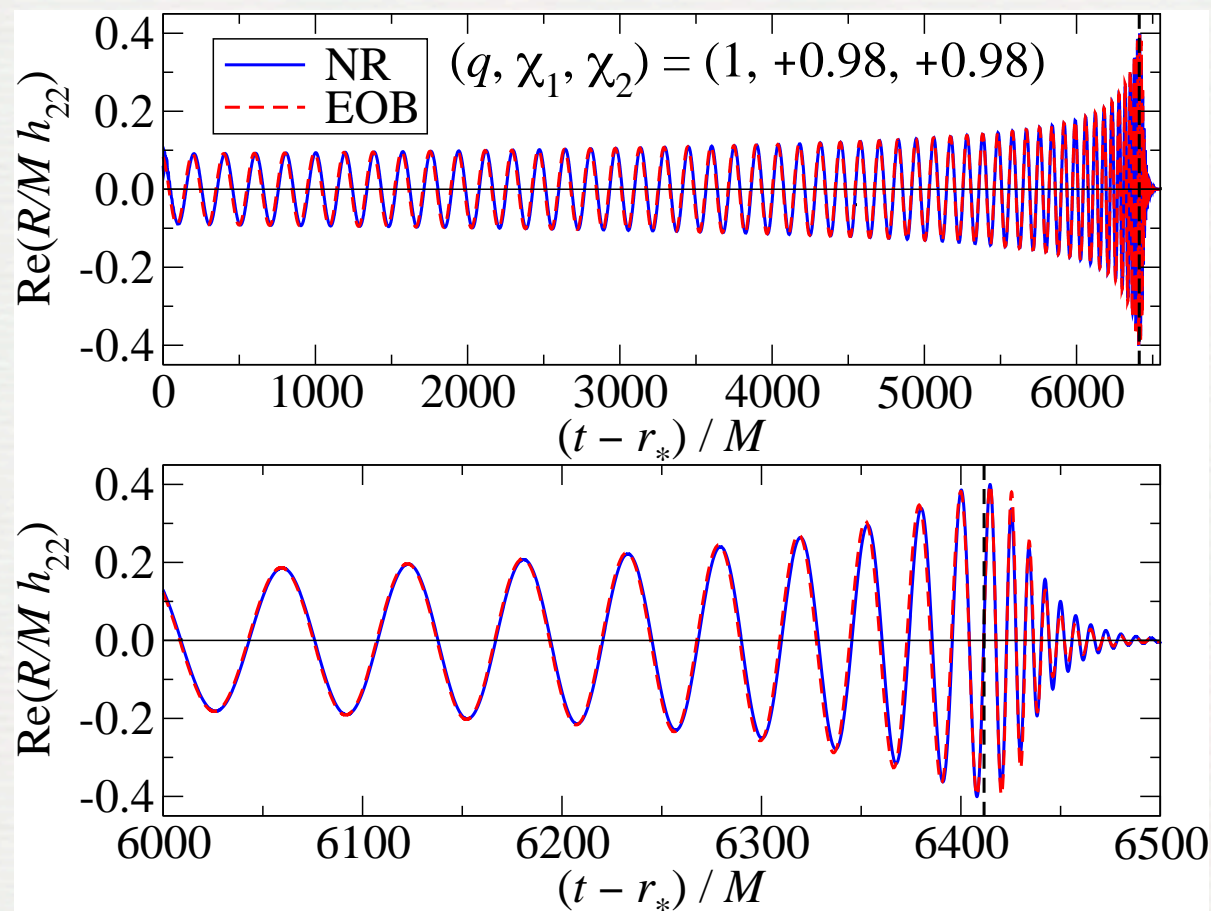


# EOBNR MODEL USED FOR GW150914

Different EOB Hamiltonian [Barausse & Buonanno11, Taracchini et al.12]

SEOBNRv2: Taracchini, Buonanno et al., PRD 89, 061502 (R), 2014

SEOBNRv2\_ROM\_DoubleSpin: M. Puerrer, CQG 31, 195010 (2014)



Effectively used to get the masses:

SEOBNRv2\_ROM\_DoubleSpin

IMRPhenom (Khan et al., 2015)

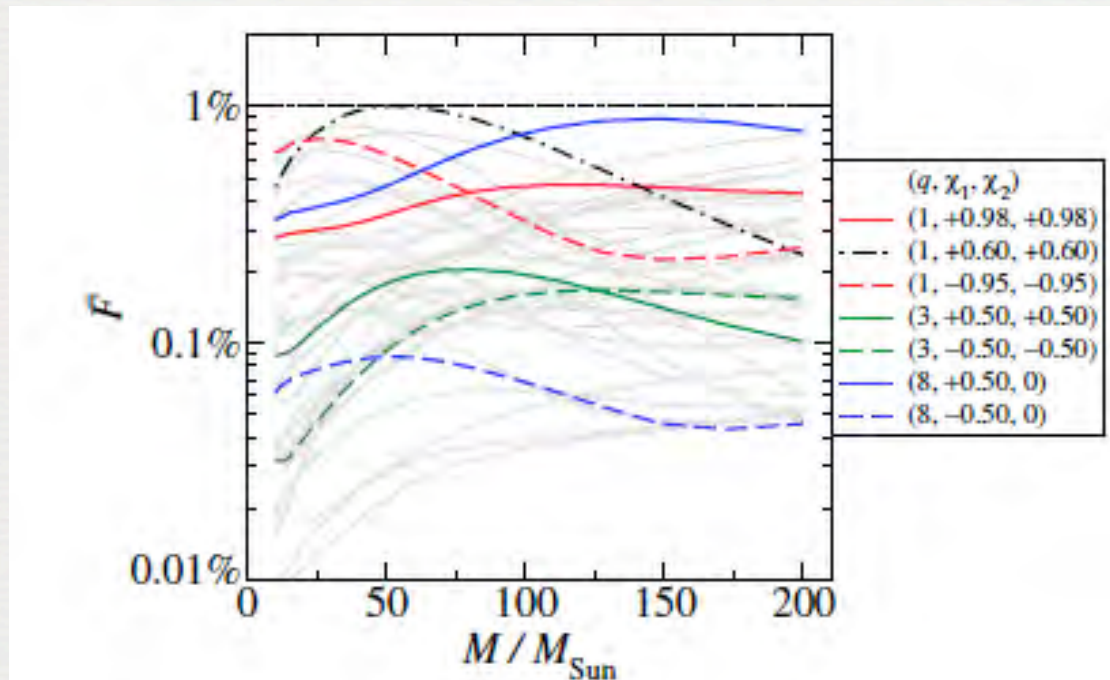
just AFTER, the best choices  
were cross checked with NR simulations!

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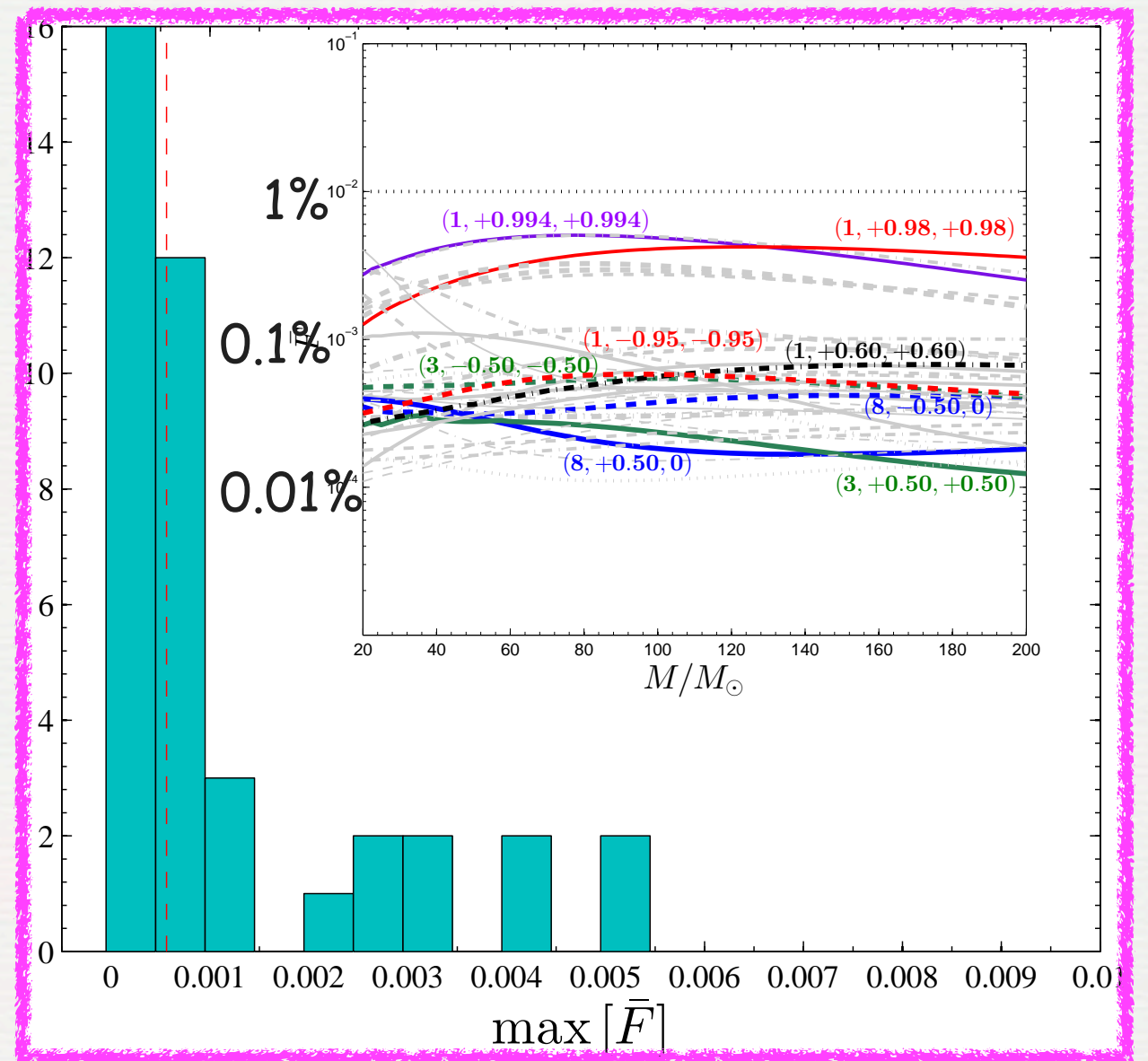
# IHES EOBNR MODEL

Best existing EOBNR model WAS NOT used for parameter estimation:  
EOB/EOBNR UNFAITHFULNESS



$$\bar{F} \equiv 1 - \max_{t_0, \phi_0} \frac{\langle h_{22}^{\text{EOB}}, h_{22}^{\text{NR}} \rangle}{||h_{22}^{\text{EOB}}|| ||h_{22}^{\text{NR}}||}$$

$$\langle h_1, h_2 \rangle \equiv 4\Re \int_{f_{\min}}^{\infty} \tilde{h}_1(f) \tilde{h}_2^*(f) / S_n(f) df$$



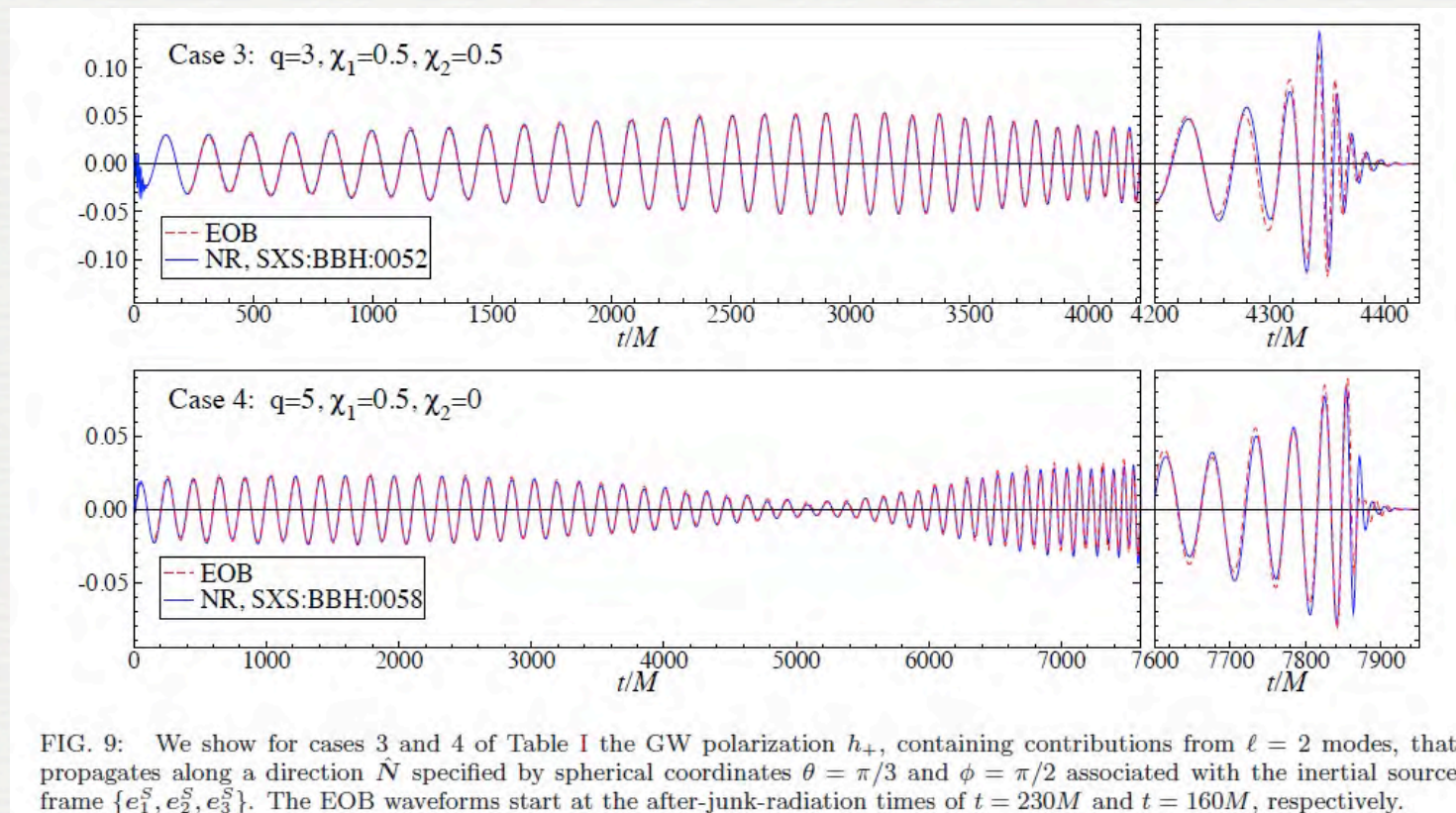
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# PRECESSION

Different EOB Hamiltonian [Barausse & Buonanno11, Taracchini et al.12]

SEOBNRv3: Taracchini, Buonanno et al., PRD 89, 061502 (R), 2014



Good EOBNR/NR agreement.  
The method works

Slow: not used for analyses (yet)

Improvements in the implementation  
are needed

PhenomP: P. Schmidt et al. 2012/2014

Phenomenological Precessing model that takes into account precession effects at leading order by "twisting" nonprecessing waveforms. **THIS IS USED FOR GW150914.** to conclude that no precession could be seen.



# CONCLUSION

The wave has passed....



...and we were prepared!

Though more work to improve modelization further is needed!

Matlab EOB code (working for BNS too...), free download: <https://eob.ihes.fr>.

More infos: [https://gravitational\\_waves.ihes.fr/](https://gravitational_waves.ihes.fr/)